

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 19, 2026  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Rodney Nevois, Bryce Parsons

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt

Council Members Present: Patrick Mueller, Jeremy DeMond

Council Members Absent: Alan Piel

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Administrative Officer Jill Landgraf, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule. Eckart met with Chuck Fiessinger to discuss the IRMA-Travelers Insurance boiler recommendation work items schedule. They should be completed by the end of January.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
Some installations are upcoming.
- B. Gas  
Some installations are upcoming.
- C. Water  
*Nothing to report*
- D. Sewer  
*Nothing to report*
- E. Streets  
*Nothing to report*

**III. Succession Planning**

Superintendent Eckart said there are two potential upcoming retirements, and he will report as more information becomes available.

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting December 15, 2025**  
*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025, meeting. Carried*

**II. Proposal from Darrell Salger Painting & Staining – Utility Office**  
The utility building has not been painted since 2011.  
*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve the proposal from Darrell Salger Painting and Staining to paint the utility office building, NTE \$12,868.36. Carried*

**III. Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases – Discussion Only**  
Superintendent Eckart said that he had met with Mayor Harbaugh to discuss increasing utility rates based on the annual CPI. The new water rate goes into effect on February 1, 2026, and the new electric rates for May 1, 2026-2028 go into effect on May 1, 2026, 2027 and 2028. This is for discussion only. Many other cities automatically increase rates based on the annual CPI.

**IV. AMI Metering Update**  
The Advanced Metering Infrastructure Systems pricing came in better than Eckart anticipated. It would take four-five years to fully implement the electric, gas and water meters and it would start with the electric meters. Once the information becomes fully available, Eckart plans to present it and have the vendor come to a meeting.

**V. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**  
*None*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois