

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 16, 2026  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Rodney Nevois, Bryce Parsons

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Patrick Mueller, Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: None

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 6:32 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule. There were generations on Saturday morning and afternoon during the snow storm. Work continues on the Travelers Insurance recommendations.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
*Nothing to report*
- B. Gas  
*Nothing to report*
- C. Water  
*Nothing to report*
- D. Sewer  
*Nothing to report*
- E. Streets  
Work continues on equipment and cleanup.

**III. Succession Planning**

*Nothing to report*

**IV. Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases**

*Nothing to report*

**V. AMI Metering Update**

Nothing to report; Eckart hopes to have something for the March committee meetings.

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting January 19, 2026**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2026, meeting. Carried*

**II. Recommendation to End Joe Ledlow's Six-Month Probationary Period, Effective 02/15/2026**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to end Joe Ledlow's six-month probationary period, effective February 15, 2026. Carried*

**III. Approval of Joe Ledlow's Step-Pay Increase of \$1.00/Hour**

Superintendent Eckart said that Joe Ledlow is currently working on the previously approved prep class and he did get the approval letter for testing, hopefully in April in Edwardsville.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the scheduled step-pay increase of \$1.00/hour for Joe Ledlow, effective the first full pay period after approval at the March council meeting. Carried*

**IV. Training Request for Steve Mertz & Clint Crafton – 2026 GUA Spring Training Seminar**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve sending Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton to training entitled "Spring 2026 Training Seminar" in Mt. Vernon, IL on April 7, 2026, NTE \$300 each. Carried*

**V. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

Chairman Guebert questioned the status of the street lamp painting project. Eckart said that the timing depends on UltraPlay's schedule. They have finished one batch of ten and currently have another batch to work on.

The emergency planning meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

In response to Committee Member Donjon's inquiry, Eckart said that the certifications for chemical spraying are good for three years and they are looking at some classes coming up. We currently have certified sprayers. Over the counter chemicals do not require a certified sprayer.

In response to Committee Member Nevois' inquiry regarding the punch list for the city hall project, Code Adm. Mueller said that the carpenter will be in city hall on Tuesday to work on the door assist. The arm is not long enough, so he is going to open it up to see what can be done. There is an issue with water damage in the

mechanical room, and they will be looking at a solution for this. The big item is the clock pull. Jeff met with them before the work was done and it was installed exactly the way it was before, but it is not working. The carpenter, Alan Mueth and Jeff are meeting later this week to find a solution. Both issues, the mechanical room and the clock, are not on Hunter Construction, but with the architects. The work was not in the specs and will be a time and materials job.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois