

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers**

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Bryce Parsons, Curt Guebert, Patrick Mueller, Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon, Alan Piel

Members Absent: None

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

Others Absent: None

I. Pledge of Allegiance led by the Girl Scouts

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Girl Scout Clara Ebers

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Guebert to approve the Financial Statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

Motion made by Council Member Piel, seconded by Council Member Mueller to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye. Motion carried.

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills
There were none.

VII. Correspondence, Public and Guest Comments

A. Girl Scout Week Proclamation – March 8-14, 2026

Mayor Harbaugh read a proclamation naming March 8-14, 2026, as Girl Scout Week and thanked the girls scouts for their participation in the Girl Scouts and for attending the meeting.

VIII. Consent Agenda—Items Originated at Committee Level

Please note: Items with ** were removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Items Originated at Committee Level as Indicated in ()

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes February 2, 2026
Authorization of approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through F and H through N. Council Member Hanebutt requested that item G be moved to the Public Health & Safety Committee agenda. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- B. Approval to Accept Five-Year Audit Bid from Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson CPA from FY'26-FY'30 (Finance)
Authorization of approval of the proposal from Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson, CPA, Option C, for the five-year bid from FY'26-FY'30, starting at \$11,000 and increasing \$300 per year, ending at \$12,200

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- C. Approval of Ordinance No. 1572 - Guebert Farm Lease (Finance)
Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1572: "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE OF MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY" assigning the farming lease from James A. Guebert to Kevin S. Guebert

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- D. Approval for Mayor and Administrative Officer Landgraf to Attend Leadership Council Southwestern IL Annual Dinner on March 24, 2026 (Finance)
Authorization of approval to send Mayor Harbaugh and Administrative Officer Landgraf to the Leadership Council Southwestern IL dinner on March 24, 2026

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- E. Approval for Mayor and City Official/Staff Members to Attend the Southwestern IL Conference of Mayors Meeting on March 26, 2026 (Finance)
Authorization of approval to pay for any city official/staff member who wishes to attend the March 26, 2026, Southwestern Illinois Conference of Mayors meeting

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- F. Approval to Apply for Congressional Directed Spending Opportunities (Finance)
Authorization of approval Jill Landgraf to apply for congressionally directed spending opportunity grants as they come open

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- G.** Authorization to Hire a Full-Time Officer, Pending Physical, Drug, and Psychological Test Results (Public Health & Safety)

Council Member Hanebutt requested that item G be moved to the Public Health & Safety Committee agenda.

- H. Approval of Buena Vista's Request to Host Easter Egg Hunt at Ratz Park on March 28, 2026 (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from Buena Vista Bank to host an Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2026, at Ratz Park

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- I. Approval of Liberty Bell of West Daughter's of the American Revolution's Request to Display a Banner at Ratz Park from June 14-July 4, 2026 (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from the Liberty Bell of the West Daughter's of the American Revolution's request to display a banner at the Veteran's Memorial in Ratz Park from June 14-July 4, 2026, promoting America250 and to place small flags for each of the forty-five Revolutionary War Veterans from Randolph County on June 14th and July 4th

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- J. Approval of David Friess' Request to Use Red Bud Sports Complex for Electronic and Recycling Event on July 11, 2026, from 9AM-Noon (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from Representative David Friess to use Red Bud Sports Complex for an electronics and recycling event on July 11, 2026, from 9AM-Noon

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- K. Approval to End Joe Ledlow's Six-Month Probationary Period, Effective February 15, 2026 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to end Joe Ledlow's six-month probationary period, effective February 15, 2026

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- L. Approval of Joe Ledlow's Step-Pay Increase of \$1.00/Hour (Public Works)
Authorization of approval of the scheduled step-pay increase of \$1.00/hour for Joe Ledlow, effective with the first full pay period after approval at the March council meeting

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- M. Approval of 2026 GUA Spring Training Seminar for Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton, NTE \$300/Each (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to send Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton to training entitled "Spring 2026 Training Seminar" in Mt. Vernon, IL on April 7, 2026, NTE \$300 each

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- N. Approval to go out for Bids for Red Bud Business Park Phase 2 (Zoning)

Authorization of approval to go out for bids on the additional six lots at the Red Bud Business Park Phase 2

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IX. Reports of Standing Committees, Departments and Other Committees, Boards & Commissions

A. Finance Committee - Meeting February 16, 2026

1. Maturing CDs
Nothing to report

B. Personnel Committee - Meeting February 16, 2026

Nothing to report

C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting February 16, 2026

1. Authorization to Hire a Full-Time Officer, Pending Physical, Drug, and Psychological Test Results
Consent agenda item G was moved to Public Health & Safety Committee. Council Member Hanebutt introduced Casey Harget to the council and invited him to tell a little about his background and family. Chief Brittingham said that Harget had passed all required testing.

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval to hire Casey Harget as a full-time police officer at the current rate of pay. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.

D. Cultural Committee - Meeting February 16, 2026

Nothing to report

E. Public Works Committee - Meeting February 16, 2026

Nothing to report

F. Zoning Committee - Meeting February 16, 2026

Nothing to report

G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting February 16, 2026

Nothing to report

H. Planning Commission – Meeting February 17, 2026

1. Ordinance No. 1573 – Variance – 1010 Locust Street
First Baptist Church 2021 requested a variance to reduce the parking lot aisle width from twenty to sixteen feet at 1010 Locust Street

Motion made by Council Member Piel, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1573: “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021” for the First Baptist Church parking lot at 1010

Locust Street. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

I. Economic Development Commission – Meeting February 25, 2026
Nothing to report

J. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting February 4, 2026
The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM at City Hall Council Chambers.

X. Old Business
None

XI. New Business

A. Review of March Calendar
The Planning Commission will not meet in March.

B. Red Bud Business Park – Bid Opening and Consideration/Acceptance
Mayor Harbaugh opened the only bid received for RBBP Lot #30, in the amount of \$29,000

Motion made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to accept the bid from Cameron Mueth with Evergreen Lawn Services, for Red Bud Business Park Lot #30, in the amount of \$29,000. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

C. Other Comments
Mayor Harbaugh announced that it is 180 days until the August 29th America250 celebration at Lincoln Park.

D. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:11 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois