

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers**

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, April 6, 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./Engineer Jeff Mueller, Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Police Chief John Brittingham

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Harbaugh

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Parsons 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 Nevois, 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
There were none.

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 ()

Mayor Harbaugh noted that it had been recommended at the Personnel Committee for Jill Landgraf to attend a training on April 10, but she is unable to attend, therefore it was not brought forward to the council agenda.

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

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. 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 of Elected Officials Annual Salary, Option 3, Effective with Newly Elected/Re-Elected Officials in 2027 and 2029 (Finance)
Authorization of approval of Elected Officials Annual Salary, Option 3: Mayor - \$15,717, Alderperson - \$5,047 plus \$90/meeting attended for council and committee meetings only, Clerk - \$9,008, Treasurer - \$2,703, effective with newly elected/re-elected officials in 2027 and 2029

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- C. Approval of Planning Commission Stipend Review as Presented, Effective After the April 6, 2026, City Council Meeting (Finance)
Authorization of approval of the Planning Commission Stipend as presented in the packet: Member - \$25, Secretary - \$50, if taken and typed by a commission member, Chairman - \$75, effective after the April 6, 2026, council meeting

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- D. Approval of a \$20 Contribution in Honor of National Volunteer Month for Each of the Thirty Members of the Parks & Rec. Committee, Econ. Dev. Commission and Planning Commission to the Community Foundation of Red Bud for a total of \$600 (Finance)
Authorization of approval to make a \$20 contribution in honor of National Volunteer Month for each of the thirty members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Economic Development Commission and Planning Commission to the Community Foundation of Red Bud, for a total of \$600

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- E. Approval to Pay \$75 Per Person for any City Official, Including Department Heads, to Attend Annual Chamber Dinner (Finance)
Authorization of approval to pay \$75 per person for any city official, including department heads, who wish to attend the April 10, 2026, Annual Chamber Dinner

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- F. Approval of Ordinance No. 1574 – Selling Red Bud Business Park Lot #30 to Cameron Mueth of Evergreen Lawn Service, LLC for \$29,000 (Finance)
Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1574: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN RED BUD BUSINESS PARK” for lot #30 to Cameron Mueth/Evergreen Lawn Services, LLC for \$29,000

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- G. Approval to Allocate Video Gaming Dollars for March and April 2026 to City Hall Lighting Project and May 2026 Dollars to the Police Depart. (Finance)
Authorization of approval allocating video gaming dollars for March and April 2026, to the city hall lighting project and the May 2026 gaming dollars to the Police Department. Thereafter, video gaming dollars are to be credited to the parks fund.

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- H. Approval to Move Forward with ITEP Planning (Finance)
Authorization of approval to proceed with the ITEP grant planning

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- I. Approval of Annual CPI Pay Increase of 2.7% for all Full-Time Employees, Effective the First Full Pay Period in May (Personnel)
Approval to authorize a 2.7% cost of living pay increase to all full-time employees, effective with the first full pay period in May

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye;

DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- J. Approval of Annual CPI Pay Increase of 2.7% for All Part-Time Employees, Excluding Crossing Guards, Co-Op Students, and Pool Employees, Effective the First Full Pay Period in May (Personnel)
Approval to authorize a 2.7% cost of living pay increase to all part-time employees excluding crossing guards, co-op students, and pool employees, effective with the first full pay period in May

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- K. Approval of Ordinance No. 1575 - Towing Zones (Public Health & Safety)
Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1575: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AUTOMATIC TOW-AWAY ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF MARKET STREET AND MAIN STREET AND AUTHORIZING POLICE-CONTRACTED TOWING COMPANIES TO REMOVE VEHICLES WITHOUT PRIOR POLICE CONTACT"

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- L. Approval of Ordinance No. 1576 – Drop Off/Pick Up Zones (Public Health & Safety)
Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1576: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DESIGNATED HUMAN DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONES ON EAST MARKET AND SOUTH MAIN STREET"

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- M. Approval to Advertise for Permanent Street Program Project (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to advertise for bids for the permanent street program project

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- N. Approval of Resolution No. 26-001 and Amendment with Utility Gas Management after Review by the City Attorney (Public Works)
Authorization of approval of RESOLUTION NO. 26-001: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FROM PEFA, INC.;"

APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATNG TO SAID PURCHASE; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY PEFA, INC.; AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS”

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- O. Approval to Join Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network, NTE \$100 Per Year (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to join Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network, NTE \$100/per year

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- P. Approval to Add Written Appeals Process to the Utility Bills Ordinance (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to add the already in practice, utility bill appeals process officially to the ordinance

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- Q. Approval of IMEA Annual Conference & Trade Show Training Request for Daniel Koester on May 15, 2026 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to send Daniel Koester to training entitled: “Annual Conference & Trade Show” in Springfield, IL on May 15, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- R. Approval of Resolution No. 26-002 – Municipal Housing Authority (Zoning)
Authorization of approval of RESOLUTION NO. 26-002: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RED BUD, IL IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY” to prevent the State of Illinois from taking away all local zoning rights from the communities, which allows for dense housing units to be built next to a single-family residence and removes lot size and parking restrictions.

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye;

DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- S. Approval of Ordinance No. 1577 – Changes to Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone (Zoning)
Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1577: “AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE CITY OF RED BUD ORDINANCE NO. 1413 TO ADD TERRITORY TO, DELETE TERRITORY FROM, MODIFY INCENTIVES OF, AND ADD UNITS OF GOVERNMENT TO THE MONROE-RANDOLPH COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE”

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- T. Approval of Farnsworth Group Proposal to Design a Master Plan and Write an OSLAD Grant Request for Lincoln Park, NTE \$12,300 (Recreational Fac.)
Authorization of approval of Farnsworth Group Proposal to design a master plan and write an OSLAD grant request for Lincoln Park, NTE \$12,300

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- U. Approval of Bob Schumaker’s Bid for Mulch, Clean-Up, and Plant Replacement at the Splash Pad/Butterfly Garden (Recreational Facilities)
Authorization of approval of the bid from Bob Schumaker to clean up, replace plants, and freshen the mulch at the splash pad/butterfly garden, NTE \$4,200

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through U. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

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

A. Finance Committee - Meeting March 16, 2026

1. Maturing CDs
Nothing to report

2. Ordinance No. 1578 – Elected Officials Salaries
Elected Officials Annual Salary, Option 3: Mayor - \$15,717, Alderperson - \$5,047 plus \$90/meeting attended for council and committee meetings only, Clerk - \$9,008, Treasurer - \$2,703, effective with newly elected/re-elected officials in 2027 and 2029

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1578: “AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING SALARIES FOR ALDERMEN, THE MAYOR, THE CITY CLERK, AND THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF RED BUD.” The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye;

DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.

- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting March 16, 2026
 - 1. Approval of Training Request for Liz Cowell – IGFOA Obtaining Bank Loans vs Issuing Municipal Securities on April 16, 2026, in Edwardsville, IL

Motion made by Council Member DeMond, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval to send Liz Cowell to training entitled: “IGFOA Obtaining Bank Loans vs Issuing Municipal Securities” on April 16, 2026, in Edwardsville, IL, NTE \$99.97. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting March 16, 2026
Nothing to report

- D. Cultural Committee - Meeting March 16, 2026
Nothing to report

- E. Public Works Committee - Meeting March 16, 2026
 - 1. Volkert Proposal – Easement/Legal Descriptions for Proposed Sidewalk Extension Project

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from Volkert for surveying services on the East Market Street Sidewalk Extension Project, NTE \$3,500. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

- 2. Aaron Lange Resignation

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval to accept the resignation from Aaron Lange effective March 31, 2026. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.

- 3. Authorization to Advertise for Lineman Position
Superintendent Eckart noted that this is part of the succession plan as a lineman is planning to retire later in the year, he is requesting authorization to advertise for a lineman replacement.

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval to advertise for a replacement lineman. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.

- 4. Approval of Candidate for Open Laborer Position
Eckart did advertise internally and is recommending Max Wolter for the open position. The first six months the pay is fifty cents less than full rate.

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval to hire Max Wolter as laborer at \$23.15 per hour, effective May 18, 2026, with full laborer pay at \$23.65 after a successful six-month probationary period, pending IDOT drug testing. The vote was as follows: Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye;

Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.

5. Ordinance Correction Regarding Public Water Supply (Chapter 72-27)
This is to correct wording that was copied over when the ordinance was written.

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval to correct wording of the Code of Ordinances 2021, Section 72-27 (B) Type of Protection Required, as presented. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye. Motion carried.

6. Ordinance No. 1579 – Utility Billing Appeals Process
This is to add in writing to the ordinance the appeals process which is already being followed.

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1579: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO UTILITY BILLING APPEALS PROCESS.” The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- F. Zoning Committee - Meeting March 16, 2026
 1. Red Bud Business Park Phase 2
 - a. Contract Award
 - b. Authorization to Sign Documents

Motion made by Council Member Piel, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to authorize approval to accept the bid from Gelly Excavating & Construction, Inc. and sign the documents for the Red Business Park Phase 2, in the amount of \$1,139,387.93. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.

- G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting March 16, 2026
Nothing to report

- H. Planning Commission – No Meeting
Nothing to report

- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting
Council Member Nevois will share a two-hour video with the aldermen that Stuart Langrehr had brought to the Economic Development Commission. The video showed how the City of Dieterich wanted to address a drop in school enrollment. The city purchased and developed farmland around town for housing, using TIF and enterprise zones. The school enrollment has increased 43%. Nevois said there were three things needed to make the town grow: parks, business development, and housing. Nevois requested that the aldermen and commission members watch the video, as it will be discussed at the April 22, 2026, meeting.

- J. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting March 4, 2026

1. Approval to Pay for Any Parks & Recreation Committee Member to Attend Annual Chamber Dinner

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to authorize approval to pay \$75 per person for any Parks & Recreation Committee Member who wishes to attend the April 10, 2026, Annual Chamber Dinner. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

X. Old Business
None

XI. New Business

A. Review of April Calendar

The Planning Commission will not meet in April but will meet in May.

B. Library Board

1. Resignation of Debra Gielow from the Library Board
2. Approval of Ashley Hentis to the Library Board
3. Approval of Jennifer Walker to the Library Board

Motion made by Council Member Parsons, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval to accept the resignation from Debra Gielow, the appointment of Ashley Hentis, and Jennifer Walker to the Library Board. 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

Superintendent Eckart reminded everyone of the scheduled April 12th electric outage, which should last one to two hours, weather permitting.

Mayor Harbaugh noted that the Municipal Code is now up and running on the City's website. The search feature is a great tool to look up anything. Adm. Officer Landgraf encouraged everyone to check it out. Attorney Cooper said she loves it because everything is always up to date. It saves a lot of time.

D. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:20 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