

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: Patrick Mueller

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

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

A. Plant Report

Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule. Three items are completed on the Travelers Insurance recommendations. Painting and IDS generation tests need to be scheduled. Eckart has been updating Travelers on the progress.

II. Utilities/Streets

A. Electric

Eckart said that the property owners are not interested in selling the property for the proposed substation project near UltraSite. Ameren is not interested in tying in with the city. One area that may work is the existing Blossom City Drive right-of-way, on the north side of Mike Moll's property, between his parking lot on Kennedy and the drainage ditch, which would tie into the business park. If this were done, the road would be abandoned. Another possibility is by the lift station near Total Titanium and UltraSite. Eckart will include the drawing in his weekly email. No action/recommendation is needed currently. Work continues at the RBBP.

B. Gas

Work continues at the RBBP.

C. Water – Matt Wagner Water Issue at 1221 Flint Street

The valve on the bottom of the head tank has been worked on.

Matt Wagner addressed the committee to appeal his August 2025 water/sewer bill for being overread in the amount of \$1,489.77. Mr. Wagner thanked the council for passing the appeals process, for personally contacting him regarding the bill, and the process, after his concerns were expressed at the

November meeting. The meter test results were returned in January as reading correctly. A new meter was installed the day after the November meeting. Mr. Wagner said that he has never had a water leak, had a plumber check anything or had any work done and he had never had an out-of-line water bill since the August bill. It simply had to be a misread meter. He is requesting that the overbilling of \$1,489.77 be removed from his account.

Recommendation made by Committee Member Nevois, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to authorize approval to remove the outstanding balance, as determined, from the water/sewer account for Matt Wagner, at 1221 Flint Street. Carried

D. Sewer
Nothing

E. Streets
Nothing

III. Succession Planning

A. Facilities Lead Man Position – Authorization to Advertise for Laborer Position
Jeff Koester plans to retire in late 2026. Eckart plans to fill the Lead Man Position from within. Mike VanDorn also plans to retire in late 2026.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval to advertise for a laborer position. Carried

IV. Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases

No update.

V. AMI Metering Update

Eckart plans to have Scott Jacobsen from Fletcher-Reinhardt at the June meeting for a presentation.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting March 16, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. Recommendation to End Derek Allen's Six-Month Probationary Period Effective April 6, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval to end Derek Allen's six-month probationary period, effective April 6, 2026. Carried

III. Lawnmower Proposal from SN Partners

Superintendent Eckart said this will replace the Ratz Park 2022 John Deere mower.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval of the quote from SN Partners for a new John Deere Z970R 60" Tweels Gas Mower, with trade-in of the 2022 John Deere Z970R, NTE \$9,000. Carried

IV. Truck #8 Proposals

A. Equipment Service Co., Inc. – New Plow and Maintenance Work

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval of the quote from Equipment Service Co., Inc. for removal and replacement of a 10' H.D. plow with commercial mount installed, NTE \$21,150. Carried

B. Woody's Municipal Supply Co, -Spreader Stand

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval of the quote from Woody's Municipal Supply Co. for a spreader stand, NTE \$5,022. Carried

V. UTV Proposal

Superintendent Eckart explained the usefulness of having a UTV. It has been in the capital plan for several years. Committee Member Parsons asked if it would be street legal according to the city's ordinance. This would be expenses over three funds. Eckart did check for used vehicles and received a bid from Kubota and Bobcat, which were higher.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval of the quote from Green Mount Road Harley-Davidson for a two-door Polaris Ranger 1000, NTE \$25,800. Carried

VI. Rock Hill Dr./Theodore Ln. Concrete Project – Authorization to Advertise for Bids

There is a portion of St. John's Lutheran School property next to the city right-of-way that was used for the culvert project, which Eckart wants to put rock in to help reroute the water flow away from the street. He has contacted the school with his plans.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval to advertise for bids for the concrete project at Rock Hill Drive and Theodore Lane. Carried

VII. E. Market St. Sidewalk Extension Project – Authorization to Advertise for Bids

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval to advertise for bids for the sidewalk extension project at East Market and Lockwood Drive. Carried

VIII. Resignation of Carver Kellerman-Stines – Part-Time Meter Reader

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to authorize approval to accept Carver Kellerman-Stines resignation as part-time meter reader. Carried

IX. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City

Superintendent Eckart said Joe Ledlow is scheduled to take his test on June 9, 2026. He has completed the online class.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois