

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

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois

Committee Members Absent: Alan Piel, Patrick Mueller

Council Members Present: Bryce Parsons, Bill Hanebutt, Kyle Donjon

Council Members Absent: None

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

Mayor Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

Old Business

None

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting March 16, 2026
Recommendation made by Committee Member Nevois, seconded by Committee Member DeMond, to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. Planning Commission Hearing Fee Increase

Code Adm. Jeff Mueller stated that with the increase of the planning commissions stipends, he checked with other communities and increasing the hearing fees from \$200 to \$300 is reasonable. This would cover the stipends, but not the postage or publication fees. The appeal fee (173-115(B)(5)) is also listed as \$200, but Mueller said that the city does not have an appeals board or an appeals process.

Recommendation made by Committee Member Nevois, seconded by Committee Member Guebert, to authorize approval to amend Chapter 173-115: Filing Fees B.2., B.3., and B.4., of the Red Bud City Code 2021, raising the hearing fees to \$300. Carried

III. RFQ for Engineering

Code Adm. Mueller said that Rhutasel and Associates, whom the city had a long-standing relationship with, have been bought out by Volkert, out of Collinsville. Since the buy-out, services in a timely manner have been a real issue. None of the prebuyout Freeburg office engineers are still there. The Collinsville office has stepped up and been good. Red Bud does not have a city engineer, but rather a relationship, which brings continuity. Some of the cities Mueller checked with do

not have a city engineer or a relationship, but hire engineer based on the project. Mueller will get a list of qualified engineers.

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois