

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2026  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon

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, Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell, Finance Officer Liz Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule. The Travelers Insurance recommendations continue to be worked on. Generation testing is scheduled for the first part of August. The renewal packet from Travelers Insurance should be coming soon.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric – Substation Project Update/Blossom City Drive  
Eckart asked if there were any questions regarding his email on the substation project. There were none.
- B. Gas  
*Nothing*
- C. Water  
*Nothing*
- D. Sewer  
*Nothing*
- E. Streets  
*Nothing*

**III. Succession Planning**

- A. Facilities Lead Man Position – Authorization to Advertise for Laborer Position  
The job posting is active until the end of the week.

**IV. Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases**

*No update.*

**V. AMI Metering Update**

Scott Jacobsen from Fletcher-Reinhardt will be at the June committee meeting for a presentation.

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting April 20, 2026**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2026, meeting. Carried*

**II. Nevois Construction Proposal – New Utility Building**

The replacement of the old “picnic shed” pole building was not put out for bids but may be approved at the council meeting with a super-majority vote.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval of the proposal from Nevois Construction for a new storage building at the Red Bud Utilities Plant (Clerk Note: \$47,403). Carried*

**III. Woody's Municipal Supply Co. Proposal – Gas Department Coil Reel Trailer**

*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 coil reel trailer, NTE \$30,000. Carried*

**IV. MidAmerican Technology, Inc. Proposal - Locator**

Eckart said that locates are required to be completed within forty-eight hours. The third locator would ensure always having one for the gas truck for leak checks and one for the call in locates, when one needs to be sent in for recalibration. Two of these can be used simultaneously on different channels.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval of the quote from MidAmerican Technology, Inc. for a locator, NTE \$6,500. Carried*

**V. Trench Shoring Equipment and Trailer Proposals**

**A. Allen Trench Safety Corp – Trench Box**

Eckart said that training will be needed eventually.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval of the quote from Allen Trench Safety Corp. for a trench box, NTE \$7,300 and authorize approval of the quote from Camper Exchange for a trench box aluminum trailer, NTE \$5,600. Carried*

**B. United rentals – Hydraulic Shoring Equipment**

No action taken.

**C. Camper Exchange - Trailer**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval of the quote from Allen Trench Safety Corp. for a trench box, NTE \$7,300 and authorize approval of the quote from Camper Exchange for a trench box aluminum trailer, NTE \$5,600. Carried*

**VI. 2026 ICC Pipeline Safety Conference Training Request – Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton on October 7-8, 2026, in Springfield, IL**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval to send Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton to training entitled “ICC 2026 Pipeline Safety Conference” on October 7-8, 2026, in Springfield, IL; registration fee \$225/each, meals and lodging required, NTE \$600/each. Carried*

**VII. 2026 Overlay Project Bid Acceptance – Samron Midwest Contracting for \$374,042.90**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval to accept the bid from Samron Midwest Contracting for the Oak Street overlay program, NTE \$374,042.90 and authorize applicable signatures. Carried*

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

Mayor Harbaugh attended the IMEA, IMUA, IPEA conference on May 14, 2026, in Springfield, IL and received the APPA’s 2025 Safety Awards of Excellence Competition, Diamond -Groups A Division. Congratulations to the electric department.

Superintendent Eckart noted that Travis Krick’s six-month probationary period will be up before the council meeting. Expect it on the council agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois