

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule. Urge testing was done on June 1st. IMEA summer readiness testing was done on June 10th.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric
Work will begin in early July on the electric and gas installation in the Red Bud Business Park. Eckart is waiting on the switch gear.
- B. Gas
Work will begin in early July on the electric and gas installation in the Red Bud Business Park.
- C. Water
Nothing
- D. Sewer
The Busse sewer lift upgrades were completed last week.
- E. Streets
Tar potting is being done in preparation for oil and chipping. Prep work for the RBFD picnic and parade, tree trimming is happening.

III. Succession Planning

- A. Lineman Position Update

Eckart will have a recommendation at the July Council Meeting.

IV. Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases

No update.

V. AMI Metering Project – Presentation by Scott Jochimsen with Fletcher-Rinehardt Company

Scott Jochimsen from Fletcher-Reinhardt presented a cost estimate of \$1,222,042.80 for the AMI metering project, with an annual recurring cost of \$34,171.60 for software access, support, cell fees. He explained the benefits of AMI metering. The meters and equipment could be installed over any period and plan, depending on the city's budget. The electric meters need to be installed before the water and gas because they communicate through the electric meters. All equipment has a five-year guarantee. Superintendent Eckart will prepare a proposed plan of installation, what neighborhood to start in, number of meters to install in year one, two, and three and what the budget will support. Also present to answer questions was Kris Thoele with Fletcher-Reinhardt and a representative from Landis Gyr.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting May 18, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. Recommendation for Co-op Student Worker Position

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval to hire Ty Voss for the co-op position, pending physical and drug testing. Carried

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

Superintendent Eckart said he had received the welcome package from the Mutual Aid Network.

Committee Member Nevois said that the overflow pipe install at the NCCC lake has been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois