

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 20, 2026  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Patrick Mueller, Jeremy DeMond, Bill Hanebutt, Rodney Nevois

Committee Members Absent: Alan Piel

Council Members Present: Curt Guebert, Kyle Donjon

Council Members Absent: Bryce Parsons

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

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Capital Plans Review and Questions**

Discussion centered around the park fund's pool updates. The current balance in the pool capital fund is \$39,508. There were concerns about whether this amount would be sufficient for future pool maintenance needs, particularly regarding potential pump room issues that could cost millions. The committee suggested the current \$39,508 be maintained for immediate pool needs, with any additional funding decisions to be determined based on the final surplus numbers and other potential uses such as bolstering the revolving loan fund or addressing the OSLAD grant match requirements.

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2026**

***Recommendation made by Committee Member Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026, meeting. Carried***

**II. MRTD Go Local Presentation**

Mark and Angela from Monroe Randolph Transit presented "On the Go Local Program" information, requesting a contract renewal of \$3,804 for the upcoming fiscal year. They highlighted new services, including the Flex Zone, which offers same-day trips within Red Bud city limits at \$2 per ride. These rides do not have to be scheduled ahead of time since a car is stationed in Red Bud. Preliminary numbers show that out of the estimated 16,000 rides provided, around 4,800 involved Red Bud.

***Recommendation made by Committee Member Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to authorize approval to renew the contract with Monroe Randolph Transit in the amount of \$3,804 for fiscal year July 1, 2026-2027. Carried***

**III. CD Information**

**A. Maturing CDs**

*None*

**IV. Financial Dashboard**

Committee Chairman Mueller reviewed the financial summary. The budget is 17% of the year, the revenue is 13% of the budget, while expenses are 9% of the budget. The cash balance is \$880,541.34.

**V. IL Gov't Finance Officers Association Dues Request for Liz Cowell**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Mueller, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of payment of \$150 to Illinois Government Finance Officers Association for membership dues for Liz Cowell. Carried***

**VI. Monthly Community Event Quote from The Archer Photography**

Cintia Hecht Mollet from The Archer Photography and 618 Creative submitted a proposal for professional photography services for local events to promote tourism and economic development, over seven months at \$500 per month. The cost would be split between Red Bud Chamber of Commerce paying \$1,500 and the city paying \$2,000. The contract may be cancelled with thirty days' notice. Committee Member Hanebutt questioned the value the city is receiving for this service and wants this reviewed in a couple of months. It is estimated that the pictures would be used for up to five years and this would not be a yearly expense.

***Recommendation made by Committee Member DeMond, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to authorize approval of the proposal from The Archer Photography for continuous coverage of Red Bud local community events for seven months, NTE \$2,000, as a one-time commitment, which must be revisited to renew. Carried***

**VII. SI Now Advertisement – Full Page Ad \$1999**

The SI Now Magazine full-page advertisement to promote the Red Bud Business Park for \$1,999 was discussed as to the lack of measurable results from previous advertisements and how the value of advertising here could be measured.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Mueller, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval for a full-page advertisement in the SI Now Magazine for \$1,999. Carried***

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

*None*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois