

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon

Council Members Present: Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: Patrick Mueller, Jeremy DeMond

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 6:14 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Eckart said the generation runs are not scheduled during the summer months, but they will resume in September.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric
The business park work continues. There was an outage on West Field Drive on Sunday when a transformer needed to be replaced. Last Thursday there was an outage on the 69KV line.
- B. Gas
Nothing
- C. Water
Nothing
- D. Sewer
The new pump was installed at the West Market lift station. Additional pumps are on order. The IEPA inspection done once every three years will be on Friday.
- E. Streets
The street patching will be completed on Tuesday. The sidewalks should be finished by Thursday. Thirteen to fifteen hundred feet of curbing should be completed on Theodore and Rock Hill on Friday with the curbing machine.

III. Succession Planning

With the Mayor's approval, Eckart has started the process of replacing the laborer position.

IV. Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases

- A. Request Approval and Authorize City Attorney to Draft Necessary Documents
The increase will be effective May 1st of each year unless the council acts to not increase the rates.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval and authorize the city attorney to draft the necessary documents for the Annual CPI Utility Rate Increases, as proposed. Carried

V. AMI Metering Project

- A. Request to Start Contract Process with Landis and Gyr
Superintendent Eckart presented a cost breakdown over a five-year period of \$1,377,359.20 for installation and purchase of the AMI metering system.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to authorize approval to contract with Landis & Gyr for purchase of the AMI metering system, as proposed. Carried

New Business

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

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. Training Request for Jacob Stellhorn – TVPPA Lineman Pre-Apprentice Assessment

Mayor Harbaugh has approved this training.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parson to authorize approval to send Jacob Stellhorn to TVPPA Lineman Pre-Apprentice Assessment on August 17-21, 2026, in Huntsville, AL, NTE \$4,600. Carried

III. Resignation of Zach Grohmann – Effective August 26, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval of the resignation of Zachary Grohmann, effective August 26, 2026. Carried

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

Committee Member Nevois said that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the promotion of the sale of lots in the Red Bud Business Park. Nevois questioned the plan for keeping the weeds mowed. Eckart said that it will be mowed with the industrial park. Nevois suggested marking the lot boundaries in the concrete, that way they will always be there.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois