

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**  
Red Bud City Hall  
City Council Chambers

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Curt Guebert, Patrick Mueller, Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Kyle Donjon, Alan Piel

**Members Absent:** Bryce Parsons, Rodney Nevois

**Others Present:** City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

**Others Absent:** Police Chief John Brittingham

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Susan Harbaugh

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

**Motion made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Guebert to approve the Financial Statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.**

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

**Motion made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Piel to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills  
*There were none.*

VII. Correspondence, Public, and Guest Comments  
*There were none.*

VIII. Consent Agenda—Items Originated at Committee Level  
Please note: Items with \*\* were removed from the consent agenda.  
Consent Agenda – Items Originated at Committee Level as Indicated in ( )  
A. Approval of City Council Minutes – August 3, 2026  
*Approval of minutes from City Council for August 3, 2026*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, Items A through H. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- B. Approval of the Red Bud Fire Department Request to Move Forward with Picnic Shed Expansion (Finance)  
*Authorize approval of the expansion of the fire department picnic shed, twenty feet to the south, adding a walk-in cooler and freezer*

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- C. Approval of AR-15 Armorers Course for Robert Brittingham on March 18-19, 2027 (Public Health & Safety)  
*Authorize approval of training for Robert Brittingham entitled "AR-15 Armorers Course" in Mattoon, IL on March 18-19, 2027; cost includes ammunition, travel by squad car, and \$20 per day meal allowance; no registration fee*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, Items A through H. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- D. Authorize City Attorney to Draft Annual CPI Utility Rate-Increase Documents (Public Works)  
*Authorize approval for the city attorney to draft the necessary document for the Annual CPI Utility Rate-Increases, as proposed.*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, Items A through H. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- E. Authorization to Contract with Landis & Gyr for AMI Metering System, as Proposed (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval to contract with Landis & Gyr for the purchase of the AMI Metering System, as proposed. Mayor Harbaugh noted that the process with Landis & Gyr for the automated metering system has begun; this project is a big deal and will take several years to complete.*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, Items A through H. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- F. Approval of TVPPA Lineman Pre-Apprentice Assessment for Jacob Stellhorn, NTE \$4,600 (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval of training request to send Jacob Stellhorn to "TVPPA Lineman Pre-Apprentice Assessment" on August 17-21, 2026, in Huntsville, AL, NTE \$4,600. Mayor Harbaugh had signed off on the request.*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, Items A through H. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- G. Approval to Accept Zach Grohmann's Resignation, Effective August 26, 2026 (Public Works)  
*Authorize approval to accept Zach Grohmann's resignation, effective August 26, 2026.*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, Items A through H. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- H. Approval of Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Proposal for Post Pool Season Repairs, NTE \$7,700 (Recreational Facilities)  
*Authorize approval of the proposal from Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for post pool season repairs, NTE \$7,700*

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IX. Reports of Standing Committee, Departments and Other Committees, Boards & Commissions

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting August 17, 2026  
1. Maturing CDs  
*Nothing to report.*
- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting August 17, 2026  
*Nothing to report.*
- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting August 17, 2026  
1. Approval of Basic SWAT Training Request for Tyler Cleland on October 6-15, 2026, in Chicago, IL, including a \$70/Per Day Food Stipend (\$15-Breakfast, \$20-Lunch, \$35-Dinner); no lodging or registration fees

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to send Tyler Cleland to training entitled "Basic SWAT Training" on October 6-15, 2026, in Chicago, IL; cost includes ammunition, travel by squad car and \$70 per day meal allowance. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.**

- D. Cultural Committee - Meeting August 17, 2026 – NO QUORUM  
1. Request from Red Bud VFW Auxiliary Post 6632 for Proposed Lending Library at Ratz Park  
The Red Bud VFW Post 6632 Auxiliary requested permission to provide a lending library at Ratz Park, near the reservations sign, at no cost to the city. The Auxiliary will fund and maintain the lending library with age-appropriate patriotism-themed books, free of charge, to local youth.

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of the request from the Red Bud VFW Auxiliary Post 6632 to provide a free lending library at Ratz Park, near the reservations sign, at no cost to the city. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.**

2. Request from Red Bud Elementary School for Use of Lincoln Park on September 25, 2026, for the Cahokia Conference Cross-Country Meet

**Motion made by Council Member Mueller seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of the request from Red Bud Elementary School to reserve Lincoln Park on September 25, 2026, from 4:30PM-6:30PM for a Cahokia Conference Cross-Country Meet. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

3. Request from Red Bud Lion's Club to Collect at the Four-Way Stop on October 2, 2026, from 2PM-6PM and October 3, 2026, from 8AM-Noon

**Motion made by Council Member Piel seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval of the request from the Red Bud Lion's Club to collect at the four-way stop on October 2, 2026, from 2PM-6PM and October 3, 2026, from 8AM-Noon. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.**

- E. Public Works Committee - Meeting August 17, 2026

1. Approval of Byron Schlueter's Step Pay Increase to \$31.97/Hour – Electric Apprentice 3

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval of Byron Schlueter's step pay increase as Electric Apprentice 3, to \$31.97/hour, effective with the September 16<sup>th</sup> pay period. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- F. Zoning Committee - Meeting August 17, 2026  
*Nothing to report.*

- G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting August 17, 2026  
*Nothing to report.*

- H. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – No Meeting  
*Nothing to report.*

- I. Planning Commission – Meeting August 18, 2026

1. Ordinance No. 1586 – Special Use Permit for 415 E. Market St.

**Motion made by Council Member Piel, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1586: "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021" for Renee Buehler to operate a home occupation business at 415 E. Market Street. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.**

- J. Economic Development Commission – Meeting August 26, 2026
1. IDOT Southwest Connector

Mayor Harbaugh explained the handouts for the proposed options for changes to the Route 3 Bypass. Mayor Harbaugh will write a letter from the council stating that while the city is not against changing/extending Route 3, they are not in favor of any of the proposed routes around or through the City of Red Bud.

2. Monroe County, IL Economic Development Corporation's Annual Stakeholder Dinner  
Please respond to Jill Landgraf by September 21<sup>st</sup> if interested in attending.

**Motion made by Council Member Mueller seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval to send any interested council member, Economic Development Committee member or department head to the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation Annual Stakeholder Dinner on October 8, 2026, at Rock City, Valmeyer, IL. at \$40/person. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.**

- K. Parks and Recreation Committee  
*Nothing to report.*

- X. Old Business  
*None*

- XI. New Business

- A. Review of September Calendar  
The Planning Commission will meet on September 15, 2026, for a hearing for Seccon to expand to the south and reduce the setback from fifty to twenty-five feet.
- B. Other Comments  
Council Member Hanebutt and Mayor Harbaugh expressed their appreciation for all those who worked on the America250 celebration. It was a success!  
  
Mayor Harbaugh has received the pool report from Karla Landgraf, and it was a successful year.

- C. Adjournment

**Motion was made at 6:21 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois