

**Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

Committee Members Present: Bill Hanebutt, Bryce Parsons, Patrick Mueller, Kyle Donjon

Committee Members Absent: Curt Guebert

Council Members Present: Rodney Nevois, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: Jeremy DeMond

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rick 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 Hanebutt called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

Old Business

None

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Mueller, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. Departmental Activity Report

The report was included in the packet.

III. Approval to Hire Mirahja Hudson as Full-Time Officer

Hudson is currently a part-time officer but needs to be full-time to be eligible for the Transition Academy. Chief Brittingham will have Hudson training with a full-time officer until she goes to the academy. She will not be on a full-time schedule until she goes to the academy.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Mueller, to approve hiring Mirahja Hudson as a full-time officer. Carried

IV. Training Request for Mirahja Hudson – Transition Academy in Belleville, IL from November 23 – December 11, 2026

This training will qualify Hudson as a certified officer. Hudson has done well in her field training.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve training for Mirahja Hudson at the Transition Academy in Belleville, IL, November 23 – December 11, 2026, NTE \$1,800 (lodging and meals are included). Carried

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

Committee Members Mueller and Hanebutt clarified that the lighted stop signs for McCarthy/Westside Street will be ordered by Superintendent Eckart and will be approved on the listed bills when they are received. It will be expensed to the street sign line item. No further approval is required.

Council Member Donjon asked if there are any issues with parking in the grass at Lincoln Park during Musket games. Let the Muskets manage it using common sense, if wet.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell
City Clerk, Red Bud, Illinois