

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2018
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

Committee Members Present: Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Clem Esker, Curt Guebert

Committee Members Absent: Glenn Linnertz

Council Members Present: Mike Reed, Susan Harbaugh, David Friess

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Others Present: Mayor Tim Lowry, City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Member Donjon called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Eckart reported that preventative general maintenance on the engines had been done.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric - Underground & Structure Replacement Project
Josh Eckart reported that Verbal Blakely of BHM&G, the Mayor and he had met with Roeslein to discuss a 15' permanent easement and a 15' construction easement. They did not seem to have any objections with the easements. Rhutasel is working on this. Verbal wrote a letter to Dave Workman at DCEO for the project preapplication.
- B. Gas – MRT Rate Case Update
There are no changes until after November 26th when there will be more details. MRT is not interested in settling yet. They are expecting MRT to ask for another rate increase in the spring.
- C. Water
Well #1 work is ongoing. Well #1 tests came back with a 35. A new pump is 37, so the work done on well #1 has gotten it almost back to new.
- D. Sewer
Some floats on the Taylor Street lift station needed work.
- E. Streets
Winter prep work will be done. The new spreader was picked up last week and came with a prime pump.

III. Succession Plan – Upcoming Retirees

Ongoing

IV. Solar & Net Metering

Eckart is continuing to work on a policy/application. The city cannot stop anyone from installing solar energy, but can limit size.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting September 17, 2018

Recommendation made by Committee Member Donjon, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting. Carried

II. City Lagoon Survey – Proposal from Bio Solutions, LLC

Recommendation made by Committee Member Donjon, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the proposal from Bio Solutions, LLC, NTE \$1,800 to do the lagoon survey. Carried

III. Training Request – K Langrehr, S Mertz – IMUA/Ameren Hands On Natural Gas Training

Recommendation made by Committee Member Donjon, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to send Kenny Langrehr and Steve Mertz to training entitled “IMUA/Ameren Hands On” in Pawnee, IL on November 6-7, 2018; registration fee is \$175/each. Transportation is required. Carried

IV. APPA Legislative Rally – February 25-27, 2019 in Washington, DC

Recommendation made by Committee Member Donjon, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to send the Mayor and Josh Eckart to training entitled “APPA Legislative Rally” in Washington, DC on February 25-27, 2019 with cost to be reimbursed by IMEA/IMUA. Carried

V. West Gas Line

Eckart explained that the county was going to allow the city to dig in MM road instead of boring under the road to finish the west gas line. Eckart has materials on hand, other than rock backfill. The gas fund cash balance is up \$42,000 over last year.

Recommendation made by Committee Member Donjon, seconded by Committee Member Guebert, to authorize approval to finish the west gas line project, NTE \$7,000. Carried

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

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois