

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers**

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Red Bud City Hall, City Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Ben Schwartzkopf, Curt Guebert, Mike Rheinecker, Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon, Alan Piel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Code Administrator/City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

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

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

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

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills

There were none.

VII. Correspondence and Public 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. City Council Meeting Minutes
Approval of minutes from December 4, 2023, and December 18, 2023, council meetings

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Piel, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through D. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- B. FY'23 Surplus Funds Transfer (Finance)
Approval of authorization to accept the FY'23 surplus funds allocations of \$134,000 – Streets, \$66,000 – Police, \$25,000 – Fire Department, \$324,617 - City Hall & Code Admin., \$60,000 - Planning Commission, \$94,019 – Parks, \$225,000 – Economic Development, for a total of \$928,636

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- C. Pesticide Training & Testing Request for Four Utility Workers (Public Works)
Approval of authorization to send Adren Walsh, Scott Becker, Hunter Bauer, and Danny Moll to training entitled “Pesticide Training & Testing” on March 20-21, 2024, in Collinsville, IL. There will be a cost for books and testing.

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- D. Proposal from Davey Tree (Recreational Facilities)
Approval of authorization to accept the proposal from Davey's Tree for stump grinding, NTE \$2,000

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

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting December 18, 2023
1. CDs and Investment Opportunities
The two \$500,000 MFT CDs were reinvested at Buena Vista Bank on December 20, 2023, at 5.35% interest for a term of twelve months.
- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting December 18, 2023
Nothing to report
- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting December 18, 2023
Nothing to report
- D. Public Works Committee - Meeting December 18, 2023

1. Authorization to Proceed with Taylor Street Lift Station Upgrades and Apply for IEPA Construction Permit
Superintendent Eckart requested approval to proceed with the Taylor Street Lift Station upgrades and apply for the IEPA Construction Permit. The permit is necessary because of the switch to the dry well confined spaces and could have a wait time of 90-120 days. The bulk of the work will fall under the FY'25 budget.

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to proceed with the Taylor Street upgrades (Clerk Note: The Pump Shop - \$29,451.00) and apply for the IEPA Construction Permit. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye. Motion carried.

2. Authorization to Transfer \$80,000 from the Sewer 5-Year Fund to Sewer Checking
Superintendent Eckart explained that due to a cash flow issue, he requests that \$80,000 be temporarily moved from the Sewer 5-Year Fund to the Sewer Fund checking.

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to make a temporary transfer of \$80,000 from the Sewer 5-Year Fund to the Sewer Fund checking. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

- E. Zoning Committee - Meeting December 18, 2023
Nothing to report
- F. Cultural Committee - Meeting December 18, 2023
Nothing to report
- G. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- H. Planning Commission – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- J. Recreational Facilities Committee – Meeting December 18, 2023
Nothing to report
- K. Parks and Recreation Committee – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- X. Old Business
None
- XI. New Business
 - A. Review of January Calendar

Mayor Harbaugh noted that the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 3, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

B. Other Comments

Mayor Harbaugh wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to a good year working together.

C. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:06 P.M. by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois