

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, January 5, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Administrative Officer Jill Landgraf

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M.

III. Roll Call by Mayor Harbaugh
Mayor Harbaugh asked for approval of the request from Council Member Rheinecker for electronic participation in the meeting. All members present consented.

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

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

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills

There were none.

VII. Correspondence, Public and Guest Comments

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 Meeting Minutes from December 2 & 16, 2024
Authorization of approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from December 2 & 16, 2024

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

- B. Approval of FY'24 Surplus Funds Transfer (Finance)
Authorization of approval to transfer FY'24 surplus funds as follows: Streets - \$121,500, Police - \$108,500, Fire Dept. - \$42,000, City Hall, Code & Planning - \$311,982, Parks - \$144,040, Economic Development - \$50,000, Total \$778,022

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- C. Approval of Culligan Commercial Water Agreement (Finance)
Authorization of approval to accept the proposal from Culligan for city hall water delivery at \$60/month for five years

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

- D. Approval for John Brittingham to Attend 2025 Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit Training, NTE \$580 (Public Health & Safety)
Authorization of approval to send John Brittingham to training entitled "2025 Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit" in Effingham, IL on February 25-27, 2025, NTE \$580.

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- E. Approval for Adren Walsh and Scott Becker to attend the 2025 IL Pipeline Safety Program (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to send Adren Walsh and Scott Becker to training entitled "2025 Illinois Excavator Pipeline Safety Program in Fairview Heights on January 14, 2025, NTE \$500. Transportation by city vehicle is required.

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

- F. Approval for Derek Allen to attend Water Distribution O&M for Class C/D Training, NTE \$350 (Public Works)
Authorization for Derek Allen to take an online training in preparation for his Class C/D License, NTE \$350

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- G. Approval for Adren Walsh and Scott Beker to Attend Underground Utility Line Training, NTE \$900 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to send Adren Walsh and Scott Becker to training entitled "Underground Utility Line Locating Training" in Normal, IL on April 30, 2025. Registration fee of \$109/each, transportation, lodging, and meals required, NTE \$900

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- H. Approval to Go Out for Red Bud Business Park Bids (Zoning)
Authorization of approval to go out for bids for the Red Bud Business Park

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

- I. Approval to Go Out for City Hall Improvement Bids (Zoning)
Authorization of approval to go out for bids for the city hall improvements project

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

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

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting December 16, 2024
1. Maturing CDs
Nothing to report

- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting December 16, 2024
Nothing to report

- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting December 16, 2024

Nothing to report

- D. Public Works Committee - Meeting December 16, 2024

1. Succession Planning

- A. Recommendation for Electric Apprentice I Position

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to promote Byron Schlueter to the Electric Apprentice I position at the rate of \$24.61/hour, with an increase to full Electric Apprentice I pay rate of \$25.11 after six-month probationary period completion, effective with the January 8, 2025, pay period. Schlueter would remain eligible for any other pay increases as approved by the city council. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (remote), aye. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 1556 – Revision to Water and Sewer Rates

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1556: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND SEWER RATES.” The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (Remote), aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

3. Proposal from Knapheide – Additional Equipment - New Truck #18

Approval of additional spreader stand and tarp for the new truck #18

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the proposal from Knapheide for the additional Spreader stand and roller tarp for truck #18, NTE \$8,000. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (Remote), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

- E. Zoning Committee - Meeting December 16, 2024

Nothing to report

- F. Cultural Committee - Meeting December 16, 2024

Nothing to report

- G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting December 16, 2024

Nothing to report

- H. Planning Commission – No Meeting

Nothing to report

- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting

Nothing to report

- J. Parks and Recreation Committee – No Meeting

Nothing to report

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

A. Review of December Calendar

There will not be an Economic Development meeting on January 22, 2025.

B. Other Comments

Mayor Harbaugh thanked the police who were out in the storm, the utility workers, businesses, and community who worked to help with the snow and ice removal around town.

C. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:06 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