

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Ben Schwartzkopf, Curt Guebert, Bill Hanebutt, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon

Members Absent: Mike Rheinecker, Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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; Hanebutt, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Schwartzkopf to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, 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 January 6 & 20, 2025
Authorization of approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from January 6 and 20, 2025

Removed from consent agenda and moved to X. Old Business

- B. Approval of Proposal for Kristen Rahn Loan (Finance)
Authorization of approval to allow Kristen Rahn to have sixty days from February 3, 2025, council meeting to provide the city with the first mortgage on all three properties and if the city does not receive the first mortgage within that sixty-day period, then the full agreement is void. In addition to that, if the city does wind up approving the loan once the three property first mortgages are received, the loan funds will only be used on building improvements, no other items, and money will only be given out after receiving a contractor's invoice.

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

- C. Approval to Send Any City Official or Staff Member to Attend IML Lobby Day 2025, April 2, 2025 (Finance)
Authorization of approval to send any interested city official or staff member to the IML Lobby Day 2025 on April 2, 2025, in Springfield, IL

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

- D. Approval for Jill Landgraf to Attend ILCMA Winter Conference – February 5-7, 2025 (Personnel)
Authorization of approval to send Jill Landgraf to the IL City/County Management Association Winter Conference in Bloomington on February 5-7, 2025, with registration fee of \$255, transportation, lodging and meals are required

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

- E. Approval for Randolph County Marine Corps League to Collect at Four-Way Stop for Toys for Tots – Nov. 1, 2025, 8AM-Noon (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from the Randolph County Marine Corps League to collect at the four-way stop on Saturday, November 1, 2025, 8AM-Noon, for Toys for Tots

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

- F. Approval for Chamber of Commerce to Allow Vendors at the Chocolate Walk – February 8, 2025, 10AM-4PM (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of request from the Chamber of Commerce to allow vendors at the Chocolate Walk on February 8, 2025, 10AM-4PM

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

- G. Approval of BHMGM Proposal for Rice NESHAP Testing for Generators (Public Works)
Authorization of approval of the proposal from BHMGM for the Rice NESHAP testing for generator compliance

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

- H. Approval to End Claude Easter’s Six-Month Probationary Period, Effective January 23, 2025 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to end Claude Easter’s six-month probationary period, effective January 23, 2025

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

- I. Approval for Steve Mertz & Clint Crafton to Attend the 2025 GUA Spring Training Seminar – April 3, 2025, NTE \$1,000 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to send Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton to training entitled “Annual GUA Spring Training Seminar” in Olney, IL on April 3, 2025. Transportation by a city vehicle is required, NTE \$1,000.

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

- J. Approval to Move Forward with Hiring a Pool Manager (Recreational Facilities)
Authorization of approval to move forward with hiring a 2025 pool manager

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

- K. Approval to Build Up to Six Additional Boxes at the Community Garden (Recreational Facilities)

*Authorization of approval to build up to six additional boxes at the
Community Garden*

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

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

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting January 20, 2025
 - 1. Maturing CDs
The next maturing CDs are due in May.
- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting January 20, 2025
Nothing to report
- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting January 20, 2025
Nothing to report
- D. Public Works Committee - Meeting January 20, 2025
Nothing to report
- E. Zoning Committee - Meeting January 20, 2025
Nothing to report
- F. Cultural Committee - Meeting January 20, 2025
Nothing to report
- G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting January 20, 2025
Nothing to report
- H. Planning Commission – Meeting January 21, 2025
Nothing to report
- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- J. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting January 8, 2025
Nothing to report

X. Old Business

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes – January 6 & 20, 2025
City Council Minutes of January 20, 2025, V. Approval of City Hall Improvement Bid were corrected to accept the bid from Hunter Construction, NTE \$186,063. There was a clerical error (\$176,063) in the bid presented at the January 20th Zoning Committee Meeting and the Special City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of the January 6, 2025, City Council Minutes as submitted and

the January 20, 2025, Special City Council Minutes approved correcting the clerical error for the Hunter Construction bid for the city hall improvement project, NTE \$186,063. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

XI. New Business

A. Acceptance of Cathy Thompson as a New Library Trustee

Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of the recommendation to appoint Cathy Thompson as Library Trustee. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.

B. Review of February Calendar

There may not be a Planning Commission (February 18th) or Economic Development (February 26th) meeting.

C. 2024 Mayor's Annual Report

The 2024 Mayor's Annual Report was included in the packets. Mayor Harbaugh thanked all the full-time and part-time staff members of the city. There were many accomplishments. There are many projects coming up in 2025.

D. Other Comments

The Rahn loan is on a sixty-day waiting period.

Mayor Harbaugh acknowledged the large grant announcement of \$929,000 and she wanted to recognize Liz Cowell, Jill Landgraf, John Brittingham, Jeff Mueller, and Josh Eckart for all their hard work in submitting that application.

E. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:05 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