

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024  
Red Bud City Hall  
City Council Chambers**

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Red Bud City Hall, City Council Chambers.**

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

**Members Absent:** Mike Rheinecker, Alan Piel

**Others Present:** City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

**Others Absent:** Code Administrator/City Engineer Jeff Mueller

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:01 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; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

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

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills

*There were none.*

VII. Correspondence and Public Guest Comments

*Brandi DeRousse, 820 White Oak Drive, Red Bud, addressed the council regarding things she had posted on Facebook about the city and on her arrest and receiving three citations over the weekend. When her allotted three minutes were expired, Mrs. DeRousse left the podium and the City Council Chambers. Mrs. DeRousse's intent for speaking at the meeting was unclear.*

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 January 2, 2024, and January 15, 2024, council meetings*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

B. Annual Chamber Dinner (Finance)

*Approval of authorization for payment for any city official (spouses not included) who wish to attend the March 23, 2024, Annual Chamber Dinner at a cost of \$65/each*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

C. M&C Towing and Auto Repairs Request (Public Health & Safety)

*Approval of authorization of the request from M&C Towing to be added to the towing rotation*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

D. Training Request – John Brittingham and Tyler Cleland (Public Health & Safety)

*Approval of authorization to send John Brittingham and Tyler Cleland to training entitled “2024 ILEAS Annual Conference” March 24-27, 2024, in Champaign, IL. Registration fee of \$350/total, transportation, food, and lodging are required*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

E. Advertise for Part-Time and Full-Time Police Officers (Public Health & Safety)

*Approval of authorization to advertise for part-time and full-time police officers*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

F. Toys for Tots Request (Cultural)

*Approval of authorization to accept the request from Randolph County Marine Corps League to collect at the 4-way on Saturday, November 2, 2024, 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon for Toys for Tots*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- G. Authorization to Advertise for Part-Time Summer Help (Public Works)  
*Approval of authorization to advertise for part-time summer help*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- H.\*\* Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Contract Extension (Public Works)  
*Items H & I were removed from the consent agenda and returned to the committee agenda.*

- I.\*\* Utility Gas Management Long-Term Discount Program (Public Works)  
*Items H & I were removed from the consent agenda and returned to the committee agenda.*

- J. Repair Request – Unit #9 2013 Elgin Sweeper (Public Works)  
*Approval of authorization of the bid from Key Equipment & Supply Co., NTE \$6,400, plus additional cost for freight, for repairs to the streetsweeper*

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through G & J, removing items H & I. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, 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 15, 2024

1. CDs and Investment Opportunities  
*Nothing to report*

2. Sewer Bond & Interest Account: Transfer Funds/Rename General Fund Account

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve moving the \$10,000 balance from the Sewer Bond & Interest account to the Sewer operating account and close the Sewer Bond & Interest account. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.**

- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting January 15, 2024  
*Nothing to report*

- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting January 15, 2024  
*Nothing to report*

D. Public Works Committee - Meeting January 15, 2024

1. Request Authorization for Derek Allen's \$2.50 per Hour Step Increase

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to proceed with the \$2.50/hour step increase for Derek Allen, effective with the first full pay period after February 19, 2024. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.**

2. Training Request for Steve Mertz & Clint Crafton – GUA Spring Training Seminar

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval to send Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton to training entitled "Gas Utilities Alliance Spring 2024 Training Seminar" in Mt. Vernon, IL on April 4, 2024, with a \$100/each registration fee. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.**

E. Zoning Committee - Meeting January 15, 2024

1. Red Bud First Baptist Church Rezoning Ordinance NO. 1535  
Request from the Red Bud First Baptist Church to change the zoning classification of property at 1010 Locust Street from a combination of B-2 Business District and R-2 Single Family Residence to B-2 Business District.

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1535: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO THE ZONING MAP." The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

F. Cultural Committee - Meeting January 15, 2024

1. Request From St. Peter UCC to Close Randolph Street for Fish Fry February 23, 2024, and March 8, 2024

**Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval of the request from St. Peter UCC to close Randolph Street on the south side of the church for the Fish Fry on February 23, 2024, and March 8, 2024. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye. Motion carried.**

2. City Wide Participation Approval for Annual Chocolate Walk Event

**Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to endorse all vendors for the February 10, 2024, Annual Chocolate Walk Event. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

G. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – No Meeting  
*Nothing to report*

H. Planning Commission – Meeting January 16, 2024  
*Nothing to report*

- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting  
*Nothing to report*
- J. Recreational Facilities Committee – Meeting January 15, 2024  
*Nothing to report*
- K. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting January 3, 2024  
*The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 2024.*
  
- X. Old Business  
None
  
- XI. New Business
  - A. Appointment of Chris Moll to the Library Board  
**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Schwarzkopf, to authorize approval to appoint Chris Moll to the Library Board. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Schwarzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.**
  
  - B. 2023 Mayor’s Annual Report  
Mayor Harbaugh noted that the 2023 Mayor’s Annual Report is in the packet for information purposes only, at this point.
  
  - C. Review of February Calendar  
Council Member Schwarzkopf said there will not be a Library Board meeting in February.
  
  - D. Other Comments  
Mayor Harbaugh asked for a moment of silence honoring Chad Grohman, who passed away suddenly and had been employed by the city since January 4, 2016. Chad was hired as a laborer, later moved to a support person role and in his current position was the water system operator and was in training to be a Class A Water Operator. Chad was a valued and beloved employee.
  
  - E. Adjournment  
**Motion made at 6:14 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Schwarzkopf, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois