

CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2023
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at Red Bud City Hall, City Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: Mike Rheinecker

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

Others Absent: Code Administrator Jeff Mueller

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Acting Mayor Susan Harbaugh
Acting Mayor Harbaugh welcomed City Clerk Joanne Cowell back from her extensive recovery and thanked Pam Poetker for her efforts in covering the city clerk position. Clerk Cowell also expressed her gratitude to Poetker for all she did.

III. Roll Call by Clerk Joanne Cowell

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; 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 Schwartzkopf, to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Guebert, 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 January 3, 2023, council meeting

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

B. Repairs – Squad Car #7 (Public Health & Safety)

Approval of authorization to accept the proposal from Midwest Auto Creations to repair squad car #7, NTE \$727.10

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

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

Approval of authorization for John Brittingham and Tyler Cleland to attend training entitled “Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Conference, in Champaign, IL, March 27-29, 2023, with a registration fee of \$300/total; transportation, lodging and meals are required.

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

D. Dusty Hosna Resignation (Public Health & Safety)

Approval of authorization to accept Dusty Hosna’s resignation, effective immediately

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

E. Toys for Tots Request (Cultural)

Approval of authorization of request from Toys for Tots to collect at the 4-way on November 4, 2023, from 8 AM until 12:00 PM.

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

F. Sewer Adjustment Request (Public Works)

Approval of authorization of request for a sewer adjustment of \$167.57 at 217 Catherine Drive, due to a water leak that did not enter the sewer system

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

G. Sewer Adjustment Request (Public Works)

Approval of authorization of request for a sewer adjustment of \$956.67 at 519 Locust Street, due to a water leak that did not enter the sewer system

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

H. Community Garden Project (Recreational Facilities)

Approval of authorization to build up to five new garden boxes, NTE \$2,000

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

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

A. Finance Committee - Meeting January 16, 2023

1. CDs and Investment Opportunities

Nothing to report

2. Annual Chamber Dinner – Authorization to Pay for City Officials to Attend

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to pay for any city official wishing to attend the March 25, 2023 Annual Chamber Dinner. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

B. Personnel Committee – Meeting January 16, 2023

Nothing to Report.

C. Public Health & Safety Committee – Meeting January 16, 2023

1. Training Request for Southern II Criminal Justice Summit-J. Brittingham

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Schwartzkopf, to approve authorization for John Brittingham to attend training entitled “Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit” on March 3-4, 2023, in Effingham, IL, with a registration fee of \$85; lodging, meals and transportation are required. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

D. Public Works Committee - Meeting January 16, 2023

1. Red Bud School District Crosswalk - Ordinance No. 1513

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1513: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 150 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO NON-ROAD INTERSECTION CROSSWALKS. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.

E. Zoning Committee – Meeting January 16, 2023

Nothing to Report.

- F. Cultural Committee - Meeting January 16, 2023
1. Request from YMCA to Reserve Ratz Park Soccer Field - March 20th - May 20th

Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval of a request from the YMCA, to reserve Ratz Park soccer field from March 20 – May 20, 2023, excluding Easter weekend. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.

- G. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – No meeting
Nothing to Report.

- H. Planning Commission – No meeting
1. Resignation – JR Hudson
Council Member Piel asked for names of a possible interested replacement.

Motion made by Council Member Piel, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the resignation of JR Hudson from the Planning Commission. The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.

- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting
1. Appointment of Jennifer Gregson to Commission (RBRH)

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Schwartzkopf, to authorize approval of the appointment of Jennifer Gregson, CAO of Red Bud Regional Hospital, to the Economic Development Commission. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye. Motion carried.

2. Edits to Enterprise Zone Territory
Council Member Piel explained the edits to the map. Adm. Assist. Poetker said that there will be no cost to the city, as Randolph County is working with an interested company, who will pay the change and application fees. The application form is posted on the city website and is available for projects over \$10,000.

Motion made by Council Member Piel, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval of the amended enterprise zone territory map, as presented and at no cost to the city. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- J. Recreational Facilities Committee – Meeting January 16, 2023
Nothing to Report.

- K. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting February 1, 2023

- X. Old Business
None

XI. New Business

A. 2022 Mayor's Annual Report

Acting Mayor Harbaugh learned from IML that the mayor is required to annually report on the affairs of the city. She highlighted the report, which was included in the packet, and thanked everyone for their cooperation during the past year in accomplishing many things.

B. Review of February Calendar

No changes

C. Other Comments

Lois Mesnarich addressed the council regarding the South Main Street water main break, which threw forceful debris and water at her home on June 12, 2021. She asked that the city do the Christian, humane, decent, and right thing and pay restitution for the damages to her home.

Acting Mayor Harbaugh replied that she had been told before that the city's insurance denied the claim and that she should turn this into her own homeowner's insurance.

Attorney Ray stated that Mrs. Mesnarich had been told before that the city has tort immunity and cannot set a precedent of paying for this.

Donna Barber, Mrs. Mesnarich's daughter, also addressed the council stating that even people whom she does not know comment that the city should be responsible for the damage to her mother's home.

D. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:38 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois