

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers**

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Red Bud City Hall, City Council Chambers.

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

Members Absent: Ben Schwartzkopf

Others Present: City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Adm./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker

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 Rheinecker to approve the Financial Statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: 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 Guebert, to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, 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 and Public Guest Comments

A. Girl Scout Week Proclamation

Mayor Harbaugh welcomed the Girl Scouts, their leaders, and parents to the meeting. Mayor Harbaugh read and signed the proclamation declaring March 10-16, 2024, as Girl Scout Week.

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 February 5, 2024, and February 19, 2024, council meetings

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

B. Illinois Country Harvest – Quote for Spring, Fall & Winter City Hall Planters (Finance)

Approval of authorization of the three bids from Illinois County Harvest for the spring, fall and winter planting of the boxes at city hall, NTE \$1,782.82, less sales tax

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

C. Buena Vista Bank – Easter Egg Hunt Request (Cultural)

Approval of authorization of the request from Buena Vista Bank to host an Easter Egg Hunt at Ratz Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

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

D. Community Garden – Authorization to Construct Additional Garden Boxes (Cultural)

Approval of authorization to build additional garden boxes, NTE \$2,000

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

E. Community Garden – Authorization to Build Compost Bin (Cultural)

Approval of authorization to build a community garden compost bin, NTE \$300

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

F. Ending Byron Schlueter’s 6-Month Probationary Period (Public Works)

Approval of authorization to end Byron Schlueter’s six-month probationary period, effective February 2, 2024

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

- G. Ending Derek Allen’s 6-Month Probationary Period (Public Works)
Approval of authorization to end Derek Allen’s six-month probationary period, effective February 19, 2024

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

- H. Proposal from Layne Christensen Company – Well #2 Repair (Public Works)
Approval of authorization of the proposal from Layne Christensen for repairs to Well #2, NTE \$18,300

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

- I. Training Request – Joe Ledlow (Public Works)
Approval of authorization to send Joe Ledlow to training entitled “IRWA Emergency Plans, Cybersecurity, Sludge Surveys and Aeration Control Strategies for Lagoons” in Steeleville, IL on April 17, 2024, transportation required

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

- J. BHMG Retainer Agreement (Public Works)
Approval of authorization to accept the “Memorandum of Agreement” with BHMG for retained services for the electric utility at a monthly fee of \$1,200

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

- K. Advertise Internally for Water Operator Position (Public Works)
Approval of authorization to advertise internally for the water operator position, left vacant with Chad Grohmann’s passing

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

- L. Ratz Park Project Bids (Recreational Facilities)

Approval of authorization for city attorney to review all contracts before the March meeting

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

- M. YMCA Pool Agreement 2024 Season (Recreational Facilities)
Approval of authorization of the "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RED BUD AND THE GATEWAY YMCA FOR THE 2024 OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RATZ PARK POOL"

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

- N. Traube – Quote for Awning Replacement at Pool (Recreational Facilities)
Approval of authorization of the quote from Traube Tents and Structures for the replacement awning at the pool, NTE \$4,000

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

- O. Lifeguard Chair Proposal (Recreational Facilities)
Approval of authorization for replacement of the one elevated pool lifeguard chair, NTE \$2,500

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

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

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting February 19, 2024
1. CDs and Investment Opportunities
Nothing to report

- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting February 19, 2024
1. Pam Poetker Resignation Effective March 5, 2024

Motion made by Council Member DeMond, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to accept the resignation of Pamela Poetker, effective March 5, 2024. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting February 19, 2024
Nothing to report

- D. Public Works Committee - Meeting February 19, 2024

1. Authorization to Hire Water System Operator

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to hire Derek Allen as the Water System Operator at \$29.75/hour, effective March 6, 2024. Derek will receive a \$1.25/hour increase after the six-month probationary period; an additional \$1.25/hour increase after the B Water License is obtained and increase to full pay of \$33.50/hour once the A Water License is obtained. The full pay will increase with any citywide cost of living increases. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

2. Sewer Adjustment Request – 320 Clarence Drive

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to issue a sewer credit of \$357.09 to Kenneth Niermann at 320 Clarence Drive for a water leak which did not enter the sewer system. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.

3. Sewer Adjustment Request – 312 Van Buren Street

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to issue a sewer credit of \$1,520.47 to Donny & Mindy Howard at 312 Van Buren Street, for a water leak which did not enter the sewer system. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.

4. St. Peter's United Church of Christ – Ordinance No. 1536

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1536, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 153 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO HANDICAP PARKING." The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.

E. Zoning Committee - Meeting February 19, 2024
Nothing to report

F. Cultural Committee - Meeting February 19, 2024

1. Request From Ryan Dannenberg for Spring Fling and Use of Picnic Tables

Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval of the request from Ryan Dannenberg (Vices) to close Oak Street for the length of his property, rent tables from Ratz Park, and the city provide temporary electric hookups for the Spring Fling Event on May 4 & 5, 2024. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

2. Request from Perandoe to Rent Lincoln Park #1, Less Fee, 04/25/2024

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval of the request from Perandoe to reserve Lincoln Park #1, on April 25, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., less fee, for the annual picnic for the hearing-

impaired students. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye. Motion carried.

- G. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- H. Planning Commission – Meeting February 20, 2024
Nothing to report
- I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting
Nothing to report
- J. Recreational Facilities Committee – Meeting February 19, 2024
 - 1. Ratz Revitalization Project
 - a. Nevois Contract

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the contract with Nevois Construction in the amount of \$290,290 for the Ratz Park Revitalization project. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, abstain; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, absent; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

- b. Helm Contract

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the contract with Helm Mechanical in the amount of \$198,900 for the Ratz Park Revitalization project. The vote was as follows: Nevois, abstain; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, absent; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

- c. Vortex Purchase Order

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of the quote from Vortex Aquatic Structures in the amount of \$126,659.40 for the Ratz Park Revitalization project. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, absent; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, abstain. Motion carried.

- d. Park & Play Purchase Order

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the Play & Park Structures of IL purchase order, in the amount of \$63,261.10 for the Ratz Park Revitalization project. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, absent; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, abstain; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.

- K. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting February 7, 2024
 - 1. Request to Reserve Pickleball Courts Tuesday & Thursday from 6:00-8:30 P.M. for 2024 Season

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the request to reserve the pickleball courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:30 P.M. for the 2024 season. The vote was as follows: Guebert,

**aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye.
Motion carried.**

X. Old Business
None

XI. New Business

A. Review of March Calendar
No Changes

B. Other Comments
Council Member Rheinecker and Mayor Harbaugh thanked Pam Poetker for her years of service to the city and wished her success in her new position with MCED.

C. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:15 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