

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

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, March 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, Mike Rheinecker, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon, Alan Piel

**Members Absent:** Bill Hanebutt

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Acting Mayor Susan Harbaugh

III. Roll Call by Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

**Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to approve the financial statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.**

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

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

A. Girl Scout Week Proclamation

Acting Mayor Harbaugh read a proclamation proclaiming the week of March 12-18, 2023, as Girl Scout Week. This marks the 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA.

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 6, 2023, and February 20, 2023, council meetings*

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

- B. Beautification Committee Collection on July 27, 2023 (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from the beautification committee to collect at the 4-way on July 27, 2023, at 2-6 P.M., for Santa's Village*

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

- C. Request from Buena Vista Bank to Host an Easter Egg Hunt (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from Buena Vista Bank to host an Easter Egg Hunt at Ratz Park on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 1 P.M.*

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

- D. Request from St. Peter UCC to Close Randolph Street (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from St. Peter UCC to close Randolph Street (notifying Roselein) for a fish fry on March 10 and March 31, 2023*

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

- E. Concrete Program Request for V8 Speed & Resto (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval of request from V8 Speed & Resto to reimburse them for labor costs for the concrete work done on the sidewalk, curbing, gutters, island, and apron, in the amount of \$8,300*

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

- F. Keith Bauer Retirement Notice (Public Works)  
*Approval of authorization to accept the retirement notice from Keith Bauer, effective March 31, 2023*

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

G. Daniel Koester Final Step Increase (Public Works)

Approval of authorization to increase Daniel Koester's rate of pay to \$28.63, (full power plant operator's pay rate), effective with the April 5 2023, pay period

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

H. GUA Spring Training Seminar Training Request – Clint Crafton (Public Works)

Approval of authorization for Clint Crafton to attend training entitled “GUA Spring 2023 Training Seminar – Mock ” in Waterloo, IL, April 6, 2023, with a registration fee of \$100; transportation required.

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

I. Ending Logan Salger's 6-Month Probationary Period (Public Works)

Approval of authorization to end Logan Salger's 6-month probationary period, effective February 24, 2023

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

J. Concrete Work for Musket Field at Lincoln Park (Recreational Facilities)

Approval of authorization to purchase the concrete, NTE \$7,500, for the concrete project at the Lincoln Park/Musket Field

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

K. Purchase of Playground Mulch (Recreational Facilities)

Approval of authorization to purchase playground mulch from The Davey Tree Expert Company, NTE \$1,700, for the parks

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through K. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, 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 February 20, 2023

1. CDs and Investment Opportunities  
*Nothing to report*

B. Personnel Committee – Meeting February 20, 2023

1. Utility Office Clerk and Utility Billing Clerk 12% Pay Increase

Although a recommendation was made at the committee meeting to increase the Utility Office Clerk and the Utility Billing Clerk pay by a 12% increase, there may be some issues connected to this regarding the FOP contract. After discussion, this will be sent back to the committee for further review.

C. Public Health & Safety Committee – Meeting February 20, 2023  
*Nothing to report*

D. Public Works Committee - Meeting February 20, 2023  
1. Authorization to Hire Support Person

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to hire Scott Becker as support person at the rate of \$25.13 per hour, pending physical and drug testing results. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, nay; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, absent. Motion carried with 6-aye; 1-nay; 1-absent.**

E. Zoning Committee – Meeting February 20, 2023  
Council Member Piel noted that there will be hearings at the March 21<sup>st</sup> planning commission meeting.

F. Cultural Committee - Meeting February 20, 2023  
1. Request from Perandoe to Reserve Lincoln Park Pavilion #1, Less Fees on April 27, 2023

**Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval of the request from Perandoe Special School District to use Lincoln Park #1, less fees, on April 27, 2023, from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M. for a picnic for their hearing-impaired students and families. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.**

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

H. Planning Commission – No meeting  
There will be hearings at the March 21<sup>st</sup> planning commission meeting.

I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting  
1. Enterprise Zone – Approval of Updates

**Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Nevois, to authorize approval of the updated Enterprise Zone maps. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.**

J. Recreational Facilities Committee – Meeting February 20, 2023

1. Team Benches for Soccer Fields at Ratz Park, NTE \$1,000  
Council Member Schwartzkopf expressed his concern that the benches be secured or put in a safe place after use. Chairman Donjon will work with Eckart and Brittingham to try to make the benches secure.

**Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval to purchase two aluminum player's benches for the soccer fields at Ratz Park,**

**NTE \$1,000. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

K. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting March 1, 2023  
*Nothing to report*

X. Old Business  
*None*

XI. New Business

A. Review of March Calendar  
*No changes*

B. Other Comments  
*There were none.*

C. Adjournment  
**Motion made at 6:25 P.M. by Council Member Rheinecker, 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