

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers (2nd Floor)**

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at Red Bud City Hall, City Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: Mayor Tim Lowry

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

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Deputy Clerk Pam Poetker

II. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk Pam Poetker

III. Election of Temporary Meeting Chairperson
Deputy Clerk Poetker announced that she had received a letter of resignation from Mayor Lowry, effective July 19, 2021. Poetker asked for a motion to select a temporary meeting chairperson.

Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Harbaugh, to authorize approval of Rodney Nevois as the temporary meeting chairperson. The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, abstain; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Nevois read the following joint statement email sent to all the council members, from Council Member Hanebutt:

“While we both feel we are qualified to be acting mayor of Red Bud, we also both feel that it is more important for the city and council to move forward with the more important business of actually running the city as effectively and efficiently as possible. We do not feel it is in anyone’s best interest for the council to have a long and possibly contentious series of votes for the acting mayor position. With that being said, it is our intention to elect Bill Hanebutt as acting mayor. He will then appoint Susan Harbaugh as mayor pro-tem at the next city council meeting. As

mayor pro-tem, Susan shall perform all the duties and possess all the rights of the mayor during a temporary absence or disability of the acting mayor. She will also be able to attend all department head meetings and work closely with the mayor for the benefit of the city. This will also help increase her knowledge of the inner workings of the city and prepare her for a possible election to mayor in the future. Again, we feel this solution is the best for the immediate future of the city of Red Bud. Thank you.”

IV. Public/Guest Comment

Council Member Donjon asked if this is a proposal or an actual statement because he is not in agreement with this proposal. Council Members Donjon, Schwartzkopf and DeMond asked who is formally interested in becoming acting mayor and would like to hear from them their qualifications and hear from the public who they would like to see in the position of mayor. Both Council Member Harbaugh and Hanebutt indicated their interest in being acting mayor.

Jim Birke questioned the prepared statement and stated that he would like to hear the qualification from both Harbaugh and Hanebutt and they both responded.

Clem Esker, Scott Voss, Travis Krick, Eli Aubuchon, Terri Reed and John Horrell shared their opinions with the council.

Council Members Schwartzkopf, Donjon and DeMond said all the contacts they had received from the public, expressed their desire for Susan Harbaugh to be the acting mayor.

V. Election of Acting Mayor

Motion made by Council Member DeMond, seconded by Council Member Schwartzkopf, to authorize approval to appoint Susan Harbaugh as acting mayor. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, nay; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, abstain; Schwartzkopf, aye. Motion carried with 6 ayes-1 abstain-1 nays.

Acting Mayor Harbaugh was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Poetker.

VI. Zoning Requests

A. Deterding Special Use Permit/Ordinance 1464 for 1519 S. Main St.-Liquor Store

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member DeMond, to authorize approval of Ordinance No. 1464: “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021.” The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

B. Dannenberg Zoning Text Amendment/Ordinance 1465 for 131 W.S. 1st St.-Code Amendment

Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of Ordinance No. 1465: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO ZONING USE TABLE.” The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

C. Dannenberg Special Use Permit/Ordinance 1466 for 131 W.S. 1st St.-Liquor Store

Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of Ordinance No. 1466: “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021.” The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

D. Dannenberg Special Use Permit/Ordinance 1467 for 131 W.S. 1st St.-Event Center

Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval of Ordinance No. 1467: “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021.” The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:43 P.M. by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell
City Clerk, Red Bud, Illinois