

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021  
Red Bud City Hall  
City Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. at Red Bud City Hall, City Council Chambers**

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

**Members Absent:**

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

I. Call to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Acting Mayor Harbaugh

II. Roll Call by Clerk Joanne Cowell

III. Final Plat and Maintenance Agreement for Phase II Fieldstone Subdivision  
**Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval to accept ORDINANCE NO. 1469: “AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR FIELDSTONE PHASE II SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS.” The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, abstain; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye. Motion carried with 7-aye, 1-abstain vote.**

IV. Request for Use of Pickleball Courts in September  
**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of the request from Dian Keil to reserve the Lincoln Park pickleball courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays in September, 6:30-8:30 P.M. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye. Motion carried.**

V. Request from Women’s Club for Use of Pavilion #3 at Ratz Park, Less Fee on August 26, 2021  
**Motion made by Council Member Rheinecker, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the request from the Red Bud Women’s Club to reserve Ratz Park #3 on August 26, 2021, less fee. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, aye;**

**Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

VI. Authorization to Apply for OSLAD Grant Application and \$ Amount of Request  
Code Administrator Mueller explained the tally results from the OSLAD grant hearing scorecard. There is currently \$300,000 in the Ratz Park capital plan. If the city is awarded the grant, it would take about eighteen to twenty-four months to start the actual project. Council Member Rheinecker had suggested designating half of the video gaming tax revenue to help pay for this project. This would be a 50/50 grant, so if the grant request is for \$800,000, IDNR would fund up to \$400,000 and the city would be responsible for the \$400,000 matching funds. There is a 15% architecture fee, in addition to the project costs, to be included in the grant. All components of the grant proposal must be completed, as proposed. Council Member Nevois stated that he thought the city could include alternatives to the projects, during the bid proposal stage. Accessibility, broad age usage factors and environmental issues are important to the grant proposal. The issues with the swim pool and the city's fiscal commitment to the pool, were discussed. Citizens should be aware that if the pool becomes unrepairable, the city does not currently have the money to build a new one. YMCA rules are also a problem with kids not being able to use it because of age restrictions. Elia Aubuchon spoke in support of the grant proposal. Tim Fahey, Chairman of the Parks and Recreations Committee, expressed his frustration in discussing the splash pad project and the pool issues as one. He feels that the pool and splash pad are two separate projects and that the city should proceed with the splash pad grant application. Planning the exact components of the grant application will be part of the job of Farnsworth.

**Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Schwartzkopf, to authorize approval to apply for the OSLAD 50/50 grant for the Ratz Park splash pad project in the amount of \$800,000 total. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Harbaugh, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye. Motion carried.**

VII. Public/Guest Comments  
There were no additional comments.

VIII. Adjournment  
**Motion made at 7:24 P.M. by Council Member Rheinecker seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell  
City Clerk, Red Bud, Illinois