

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**  
Red Bud City Hall  
City Council Chambers

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Ben Schwartzkopf, Curt Guebert, Mike Rheinecker, Jeremy DeMond, Kyle Donjon, Alan Piel

**Members Absent:** Bill Hanebutt, Rodney Nevois

**Others Present:** City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Administrative Officer Jill Landgraf

**Others Absent:** City Clerk Joanne Cowell

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk Jill Langraf

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

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

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

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

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills  
*There were none.*

VII. Correspondence, Public and Guest Comments

A. Violence Prevention Center – Proclamation to Designate October as Violence Prevention Month by Kay Clements

*Mayor Harbaugh signed the Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2024 Proclamation and thanked Kay Clements for all the efforts being made to prevent domestic violence in our community.*

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. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2024

*Approval of minutes from September 3, 2024, council meeting*

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

B. Approval for City Attorney to Draft the Sample Ordinance Using 1% Grocery Sales Tax Rate (Finance)

*Approval of authorization to take the sample grocery sales tax ordinance to the City Attorney and have them fill in the blanks, using the 1% tax rate*

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

C. Approval to Invest \$350,000 of the City Hall, Code and Planning Funds in Illinois Funds Investment Pool Fund (Finance)

*Authorization of approval invest \$350,000 of the City Hall, Code and Planning Funds in Illinois Funds Investment Pool Fund*

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

D. Approval to Accept FY'24 Audit Results from Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson (Finance)

*Authorization of approval to accept the FY'24 Audit Results from Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson*

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

E. Approval for School Crossing Guard Position to be Paid \$20.00 Per Session (Personnel)

*Authorization of approval to set the school crossing guard salary to \$20.00 per session*

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

- F. Approval of Training Request - Kristy Cooper – SWIC VPC, EI and Customer Service (Personnel)  
*Authorization of approval to send Kristy Cooper to training entitled “VPC-EI” on October 8, 2024, at SWIC in Red Bud. No registration fee is required.*

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

- G. Approval of Training Request - Jill Landgraf – SWIC VPC and Leadership Training (Personnel)  
*Authorization of approval to send Jill Landgraf to training entitled “VPC and Leadership Training” on September 17, 2024, at SWIC in Red Bud. No registration fee is required.*

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

- H. Approval of ComWell Request to Reserve Additional Spaces for Handicapped Parking and Ratz Park #1, Less Fee on September 27, 2024, for Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Program, 7AM-4PM (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of request from ComWell to reserve Ratz Park #1, less fee, and additional spaces for handicapped parking for the Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Program on September 27, 2024, 7AM-4 PM*

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

- I. Approval of \$100 Witches Night Out T-Shirt Sponsorship (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from Red Bud Chamber of Commerce to become a sponsor of the Witches Night Out t-shirts, at a cost of \$100*

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

- J. Approval of Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois to Place Purple Ribbons on Trees in October for Domestic Prevention Awareness Month (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois to place purple ribbons on trees in October, for Domestic Prevention Awareness Month*

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

- K. Approval of David Friess Request to Reserve Ratz Park #1, Less Fee for Women's Leadership Initiative Scavenger Hunt on October 19, 2024 (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of David Friess request to reserve Ratz Park #1, less fee, for the Women's Leadership Initiative Scavenger Hunt on October 19, 2024*

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

- L. Authorization to Obtain Bids/Investigate Lease Options for Replacement Backhoe (Public works)  
*Authorization of approval to obtain bids and investigate lease options for replacement of the backhoe*

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

- M. Accept SealMaster St. Louis Proposal for New Paint Sprayer, NTE \$8,970 (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval to accept the proposal from SealMaster to purchase a new paint sprayer, NTE \$8,970*

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

- N. Accept Metro-Ag Sludge Removal Contract (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval to accept the agreement with Metro-Ag, Inc. for land applied sludge removal, effective October 7, 2024 – December 31, 2025, @ \$0.07 per gallon*

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

- O. Approval of Mural Application from Lanetta Adams, Health Focus Inc – 505 S. Main St. (Zoning)  
*Authorization of approval to accept the mural application from Lanetta Adams, Health Focus, Inc. at 505 South Main St.*

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

- P. Approval of Muskets Homecoming Requests – October 10-13, 2024 (Recreational Facilities)  
*Authorization of approval of the Musket Homecoming request for October 10-13, 2024, as presented*

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

- Q. Approval to Release Minutes - March 18, 2024 (Ex. Session Minutes Review)  
*Authorization of approval to release executive session minutes from March 18, 2024. The need for confidentiality still exists for the remaining minutes reviewed.*

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

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

A. Finance Committee - Meeting September 16, 2024

1. Maturing CDs  
*Nothing to report*

B. Personnel Committee - Meeting September 16, 2024  
*Nothing to report*

C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting September 16, 2024  
*Nothing to report*

D. Public Works Committee - Meeting September 16, 2024

1. Approval to End Hunter Bauer's 6-Month Probationary Period, Effective October 2, 2024

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to end Hunter Bauer's six-month probationary period, effective October 2, 2024. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye. Motion carried.**

2. Approval to End Bob Zipfel's 6-Month Probationary Period, Effective October 9, 2024

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to end Bob Zipfel's six-month probationary period, effective October 9, 2024. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of \$2.50/Hour Step Increase for Hunter Bauer, Effective the First Full Pay Period Following October 7, 2024

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member DeMond, to authorize approval of Hunter Bauer's step increase of \$2.50/hour, effective the first full pay period after October 7, 2024. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

E. Zoning Committee - Meeting September 16, 2024  
*Nothing to report*

F. Cultural Committee - Meeting September 16, 2024

1. UltraPlay's Request to Collect at the Four-Way Stop on October 12, 2024 – 10AM-12PM, to Benefit the Dog Park Project

**Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval of the request from UltraPlay to collect at the four-way stop on October 12, 2024, from 10AM-12PM, to benefit the dog park project. The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.**

2. Red Bud High School National Honors Society's Request to Sell Donuts at the Four-way Stop on October 26, 2024 – 7AM-12PM

**Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval of the request from the Red Bud High School National Honors Society to sell donuts at the four-way stop on October 26, 2024, from 7AM-12PM. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye. Motion carried.**

3. RBHS FFA Request – Hot Chocolate Run on November 29, 2024

**Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the request from the RBHS FFA to sponsor a Hot Chocolate Run on Friday, November 29, 2024. The alternate route will be the same as the lighted parade route. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker, aye; DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting September 16, 2024

*Nothing to report*

H. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – Meeting September 16, 2024

*Nothing to report*

I. Planning Commission – Meeting September 17, 2024

*Nothing to report*

J. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting

1. Monroe County, IL Economic Development Corporation Annual Stakeholder Dinner – October 24, 2024

**Motion made by Council Member Reinecker, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval to send any city official wishing to attend to the Monroe County, IL Economic Development Corporation Annual Stakeholder Dinner on October 24, 2024, at The Falls in Columbia, IL at a cost of \$30/each. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker, aye. Motion carried.**

K. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting September 4, 2024

*Nothing to report*

X. Old Business

*None*

XI. New Business

- A. Review of October Calendar

*No changes*

B. Other Comments

Mayor Harbaugh thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting for the Ratz Park splash pad. She also acknowledged the leadership team of City Engineer Mueller, Superintendent Eckart and the utility workers, Chief Brittingham, Finance Officer Cowell and Administrative Officer Landgraf for all they have done to bring this project to fruition.

C. Adjournment

**Motion made at 7:11 P.M. by Council Member Schwartzkopf, 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