

CITY OF RED BUD
2022 MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

As directed by the Illinois Municipal League, "The mayor or president is required to annually give the council information concerning the affairs of the city." Therefore, as Acting Mayor of the City of Red Bud, Illinois, I present the following information for review, highlighting some of the major and noteworthy items from this past year. - Susan L Harbaugh, January 31, 2023

City Council

27 ordinances, #1485 to #1511

5 resolutions, 22-001 to 22-005

Revision of Code of Ordinances completed July 15, 2022, a project that began November 2015

No change in elected officials

City Hall

February 21 – City Council approval to hire full time (upgraded from part time) assistant at city hall

March - Auto debit for utility bill payments began

April 4 – Approval for Community Calendar program

July 5 – Approval for Community Foundation of Red Bud startup costs

August 1 – Approval to utilize a Community Projects and Guidelines Form

August 15 – Approval to submit a Tourism grant (still pending on 12/31/2022)

Over the year - Website improvements

Code Administration

47 residential building permits issued

15 commercial building permits issued

9 Planning Commission hearings held

February 21 – Approval to purchase a large format plotter

March 7 – Approval to commence with a City Hall inspection (final received 1/6/2023)

September - sixth and final REBUILD Illinois bond grants installment of \$40,618.79 received = total of \$243,712.74 (in Motor Fuel Tax Fund)

Committees and Commissions

- Economic Development Commission – One open seat as of 12/31/2022. Area of focus identified for each member.
- Economic Development Funds available for loan as of 12/31/2022: \$455,685
- Microloan Program funds available for loan as of 12/31/2022: \$80,376
- Parks & Recreation Committee – New members Ryan Koudela, Kyle Herriman (1/3/2022) and Brad Mayberry (10/3/2022). Area of focus identified for each member.
- Planning Commission – New member Scott Voss (12/5/2022).

Financial

May 2 – Approval of FY2023 Budget, Capital Plans and Appropriation Ordinance

August 1 – Approval for IML RMA (general and liability insurance) two-year commitment with rate freeze for 2023, 2024

September 6 – Acceptance of FY2022 clean audit, no management letter, with surplus of \$593,021 available for transfer to capital plans

September - final ARPA tranche payment of \$236,787.30 received = total of \$473,574.59

November 7 – Approval to invest \$2 million in Certificates of Deposit

December 5 – Approval of Tax Levy Ordinance totaling \$688,832

History

On February 28, 1867, “The Town of Red Bud” was chartered, thus in 2022 we marked the city’s 155th anniversary.

Thirty years ago in 1992, Inter-City Products closed, leaving 800 plant employees looking for work and Red Bud featured in a Time Magazine article. The closure challenged city leaders and the Economic Development Commission formed to plan for the city’s future.

Parks & Recreation

February 7 – Approval to expand the Community Garden

March 7 – Approval to put security cameras in the parks

April 18 – Approval for multipurpose court surfacing for pickleball and basketball

May 2 – Approval to purchase a lawn mower

May 2 – Approval for repairs at the swimming pool, with minimal delayed opening

July 8 - IDNR OSLAD \$400,000 grant announced for Ratz Park Renovation (timeline of 10/01/2022-09/30/2024)

October 31 – Fully executed Grant Agreement received from IDNR Office of Grants Management and Assistance

November 7 – Approval of Farnsworth Group contract for Ratz Park Revitalization project

Personnel

11 Part time and 28 Full time employees as of 12/31/2022

May 2 – Approval for pay increases: Department heads \$2.40/hour, Full-time employees \$1.77/hour, Part-time employees \$1.14/hour

August 1 – Approval to conduct a salary and benefits survey

September 20 – Kenny Langrehr retired with 33+ years of service

December 19 – Approval to change health insurance coverage to Aetna on 01/01/2023 with cost savings

Police

1,791 events handled

March 7 – Approval for laptops for squad cars

June 6 – Approval to move forward with Lexipol Solutions for the Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual & Daily Training Bulletins

October – Grant of \$1,000 received from Walmart for Cops and Kids at Christmas. Plus other community donations were received.

October 3 – Approval for squad car computers

November 7 – Approval to purchase LPRs

December 5 – Approval of Public Trespass Ordinance

Population

2020 census showed 3,804 residents

2021 estimate stands at 3,684 residents (ww2.census.gov)

Utilities and Streets

* Electricity - The City of Red Bud continues to be a member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. We maintain our own local power generation plant which is utilized when called upon.

The 2022 annual average price statewide through November for electric sold to residential customers was 15.84 cents (no taxes or fees). The City of Red Bud’s 2022 average price of electric sold to residential customers was 12.44 cents per kWh (no taxes or fees).

Electricity Usage 46,895,895 (kWh)

Electricity Revenue Rate \$0.1314 (\$/kWH) including taxes and fees
March 7 – Approval of Net Metering Ordinance
October 3 – Approval of Osmose – Inspection, Testing and Treatment of Transmission Power Poles
November 7 – Approval for BHMG Clean Air Act Permit Program Renewal

* Gas - The City of Red Bud purchases gas from Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC.
January 3 – Approval for Gas Department Reporting/Utility Locating Tablets and Services
Gas Usage 209,146 (MCF)
Gas Revenue Rate \$9.87 (\$/MCF) including taxes and fees

* Water and Sewer - The City of Red Bud maintains two wells near the Kaskaskia River. In addition, Red Bud has two water towers – the north tower with a capacity of 500,000 gallons and the south tower with a capacity of 200,000 gallons. A number of measures have been put in place during 2022 to improve the water quality, see below. The City maintains a sewer processing plant with design flow of 300,000 gallons per day with a max flow of 600,000 gallons per day.

Water and Sewer Usage 97,854,192 (Gallons)
Water Revenue Rate \$6.36 (\$/1,000 gallons) including taxes and fees
Sewer Revenue Rate \$4.90 (\$/1,000 gallons) including taxes and fees
January 3 – Approval to replace Unit #31 with a used van for Water Department
February 7 – Approval for Illinois Rural Water Association contract
May 2 – Approval for Brotcke Well and Pump Proposal for Pump Tests and Repairs
May 2 – Approval for HMG for Water Plant Operator contract
July 18 – Approval for Water Aerator notice of award
September 6 – Approval of Lift Station Upgrades
September 6 – Approval of Well 2 Cleaning and Disinfection
October 17 Public Works Committee – Utility Department Personnel subcommittee findings presented
November 7 – Approval of wage increase for Water System Operator and Wastewater System Operator
Fall 2022 – Hydrants flushed

* Streets - The City of Red Bud maintains approximately 28 miles of streets.
Nearly \$45,000 of Motor Fuel Tax dollars were spent on street improvements
May 2 – Approval to replace Unit #22 for tar pot machine

Video Gaming

As of December 2022, there were 63 video gaming terminals in Red Bud. Per the Illinois Gaming Board Video Gaming Report for 2022, funds in were \$8,807,371 with funds out (winnings) of \$6,524,820 for a net of \$2,282,551. The city's share of the video gaming terminal tax was \$114,128 and these dollars are used to help support the various parks in our city.

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