

Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, January 17, 2022
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Bill Hanebutt, Ben Schwartzkopf

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon, Mike Rheinecker

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond (Remote), Rodney Nevois, Alan Piel

Others Present: Acting Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Eckart reported that Unit #1 was taken out of service last week for loss of vacuum pressure; Unit #8 was taken out today for water in the oil. Repairs are being made.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric
Nothing
- B. Gas
Nothing
- C. Water – Aerator Replacement Project
Waiting on approval of paperwork for the water aerator project. Eckart met with Volkert and technically the construction permit has expired but submitting a letter should take care of that with no additional fees.
- D. Sewer
Nothing
- E. Streets
Nothing

III. Employee Succession Plan

No update.

IV. Net Metering Policy Updates

The webinar was last Thursday. They had sample policies. The city is already billing as they recommend. An acceptable rate needs to be set and then reviewed annually. There will be minor language changes. It should be ready for the February committee meeting.

V. Parking Spot Request from Changes – 902 Locust Street

Eckart said there is handicap accessibility to the building.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to prepare an ordinance and paint the curbing for handicap parking, as requested at 902 Locust Street. Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2021

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Schwartzkopf, to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021, meeting. Carried

II. Authorization to Advertise for Part-Time Summer Help

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to advertise for part-time summer help. Carried

III. Approval of Updated Utility Office Clerk Job Description

Eckart reviewed an updated job description for the utility office clerk.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the updated utility office clerk job description. Carried

IV. Ice Machine for Utility Office

Eckart said the price and minimum purchase of ice is increasing. Eckart asked B&B for a quote to purchase (\$4,600) or lease, with maintenance included (\$140/month), an ice machine. Eckart suggests leasing as the best option. Committee Chairman Guebert suggested Eckart contact Mohr Plumbing to get a quote from them. Leave on agenda.

V. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City

Eckart informed the committee that he had looked at a 2012 Chevrolet Colorado truck for the water department today for \$10,750. It has a camper with a pullout tray, so the tools are accessible and can be locked up. It has higher mileage, but it will be used around town only. Eckart has prior approval to purchase, NTE \$25,000.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois