

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, February 17, 2020
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Clem Esker,
Mike Rheinecker

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, David Friess, Susan Harbaugh

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

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:41 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Business as usual. The non-spinning reserve has gone up from 12,975 to
12,980 peak at \$1.20, which amounts to a couple of dollars a month, effective
January 1.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric - Underground & Structure Replacement Project
Pam Poetker has been communicating with DECO regarding the grant formal
bid specs/material ordering.
- B. Gas
None
- C. Water
None.
- D. Sewer
There are issues with Taylor Street sewer lift station. TMW is having issues
and the lift station needs to be cleaned out. Parts (a check valve) is still on
order for the second pump.
- E. Streets
The MFT proposal has been approved and the bid letting will be in March.

III. Utility Rates – Water and Sewer Rate Review/Recommendations

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the recommended water rate increase from \$3.85 to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons of water for both residential and commercial customers and to increase sewer rates from \$3.22 to \$3.72 for one year and from \$3.72 to \$4.22 per 1,000 gallons, thereafter; sewer monthly customer residential and commercial customers charge from \$7.18 to \$7.68 for one year and from \$7.68 to \$8.18, thereafter; sewer only customer charge increase from \$16.85 to \$17.69 monthly, for one year and from \$17.69 to \$18.57 monthly, thereafter, as presented. Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting January 20, 2020

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting. Carried

II. Training Request – GUA Spring Training Seminar (Mock Emergencies) – Kenny Langrehr, Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to send Kenny Langrehr, Steve Mertz and Clint Crafton to training entitled “GUA Spring Training Seminar - Mock Emergencies” in Chester on March 24, 2020, with a registration fee of \$100/each. Transportation is required. Carried

III. Equipment Purchase

Superintendent Eckart said Diewald Utilities is purchasing a new vac machine and wanted to know if the city is interested in purchasing his 2000 machine.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve authorization to purchase the 2000 vac machine from Diewald Utilities in the amount of \$13,000. Carried

IV. Visu-Sewer Proposal – Taylor Street Lift Station

Superintendent Eckart said the proposal from Visu-Sewer was for info only because the Taylor Street lift station needs to be cleaned out ASAP and Eckart will be going with whoever he can get in there the quickest.

V. Training Request – IMUA/TVPPA Substation Training – Matt Shields

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member DeMond, to approve authorization to send Matt Shields to training entitled “IMUA/TVPPA Substation Training” on March 26, 2020 in Springfield with a fee of \$200; transportation required. Carried

VI. Recommendation to Move Clint Crafton to Gas Apprentice 2 – Rate of Pay - \$22.44

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve authorization to move Clint Crafton to Gas Apprentice 2, with an hourly rate of pay of \$22.44, effective with the first full pay period after the March 2, 2020 council meeting. Carried

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

Harbaugh questioned the policy of reading the water meters bi-monthly, instead of monthly. Eckart explained how the computer bills for the non-reading month. Poetker stated that the city has no intention of changing the practice of every other month cycle of reading water meters.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois