

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 17, 2025  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Ben Schwartzkopf, Mike Rheinecker, Bill Hanebutt, Kyle Donjon

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Rodney Nevois, Jeremy DeMond

Council Members Absent: Alan Piel

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

**A. Plant Report**

The generation runs are per schedule.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

**A. Electric**

Nothing to report

**B. Gas**

Nothing to report

**C. Water -Water Tower Asset Management Program**

City Superintendent Eckart included in the packets a Red Bud Management Figures schedule for the water tower asset management program. Chairman Guebert has requested that Eckart schedule representatives from this company to attend a committee meeting to explain this program. Eckart is trying to schedule that for the March committee meeting.

**D. Sewer**

Nothing to report

**E. Streets**

Nothing to report

**III. Utility Rate Studies**

- A. Electric – Utility Financial Solution, LLC**  
Ongoing

**IV. Succession Planning**

Nothing to report

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting January 20, 2025**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2025, meeting. Carried*

**II. Training Requests for Josh Eckart & Steve Mertz – 2025 USDI Customer Conference**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Schwartzkopf, to authorize approval of the training request to send Josh Eckart and Steve Mertz to the 2025 USDI Customer Conference on March 18, 2025, in Effingham, IL, with a registration fee of \$150/each, transportation is required. Carried*

**III. Laborer Position – Authorization to Hire**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to hire Aaron Lange as a laborer, pending physical and drug test, at the rate of \$21.88, and will increase to full pay rate after completion of the six-month probationary period. Carried*

**IV. Authorization to Advertise for Part-Time/Seasonal Help**

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

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois