

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 15, 2021  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Susan Harbaugh

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

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Business as usual; Eckart is finishing up paperwork from the February IMEA runs.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
None
- B. Gas – Gas Rate/Billing Update and Recommendations  
The gas prices spiked during the five-day polar vortex. Gas prices normally \$2 - \$3 range is up to \$200 - \$300. The next gas bill is estimated at \$355,000, which last month it was \$120,000. There were also penalties assessed to MRT. With all of this, the gas rate would be around \$16.25. Waterloo is asking Red Bud if we would like to join them in cost sharing to hire Attorney Carl Fink, with Blue Planet, to go to FERC asking them to waive the penalties and reduce the forced majeure pricing. This would not be a lawsuit, just a formal request. MRT will not pass on the penalties until after a response from FERC has been received.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to authorize approval to hire C. M. Fink, with Blue Planet, along with the other groups, to ask FERC to waive the penalties and reduce the forced majeure pricing. Carried***

- C. Water-Aerator Replacement Project – Waiting on State Approval  
Still waiting on the state to see if the grant is approved.
- D. Sewer  
None
- E. Streets  
None

### **III. Subdivision/Development Incentives**

The recommended subdivision code revisions dated March 11, 2021 were discussed.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to authorize approval for the city attorney to prepare an ordinance with the revised recommended subdivision development incentives, as discussed. Carried*

### **IV. Utility Tap Fee Updates**

Eckart is currently working on the tap fee costs and is waiting on some information before making any recommendations to the committee.

#### New Business

#### **I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting February 22, 2021**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting. Carried*

#### **II. Unit #39 (2011 GMC Sierra) Repair Estimate – Authorization to Complete Repairs**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from JCs Garage for repairs to Unit #39 (2011 GMC Sierra), NTE \$4,000. Carried*

#### **III. Unit #10 (2004 Case Backhoe) Repair Estimate – Authorization to Complete Repairs**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from Shaw Heavy Equipment Repair, Inc. for repairs to Unit #10 (2004 Case Backhoe), NTE \$1,700. Carried*

#### **IV. Proposal from Pump Shop – Taylor Street Lift Station Pump Replacement**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from Missouri Machinery & Engineering Co. for replacement of the Taylor Street Lift Station pump, NTE \$12,632. Carried*

**V. Authorization to Hire Jason Guebert as Part-time Employee and Co-Op Student Worker**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to authorize approval to hire Jason Colton Guebert as part-time/Co-Op student worker at the normal rate of pay, pending physical and drug testing results.  
Carried*

**VI. East Industrial Park Expansion Project – Volkert Cost Estimate**

Eckart said Jeff Mueller is working with Volkert on this and is waiting on some information. Table until more information is available.

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

None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois