

**Public Works Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021**  
**Red Bud City Hall**  
**Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon

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, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Unit #3 ran last week, but there was an issue with the vacuum crank case, which is out of service. IDS is working on a solution. Unit #4 is still out of service from the February run, they are still waiting on the parts to come in.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
The electric department is working on the Sports Complex lights, the Lincoln Park Muskets lighting project, and the Fieldstone layouts.
- B. Gas  
The gas department is also working on the Fieldstone layouts
- C. Water – Aerator Replacement Project – Waiting on State Approval  
The state has received the resubmitted application and has confirmed that they have the application and are reviewing it. Poetker did receive a closeout letter from the State on the electric infrastructure project, which she believes the state was waiting on, before acting on the aerator replacement grant application.

The Fieldstone sampling has begun on the water mains.

- D. Sewer  
The Fieldstone air pressure testing will be done tomorrow.
- E. Streets

Street patching is beginning. Oil and chip project is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Subdivision/Development Incentives**

The “Subdivision Code Revisions from Committee” prepared by Attorney Ray was reviewed. After approval, this will go to the Planning Commission for approval in May and council approval in June.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to authorize approval of the Subdivision Code Revisions, as submitted. Carried***

**IV. Utility Tap Fee Updates**

Eckart presented recommendations for utility tap fee updates, generally a 10-15% increase. The fees/cost will be evaluated by Eckart every six months.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the utility tap fee updates, as submitted (Attorney Ray will have an ordinance prepared for the May meeting). Carried***

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting March 15, 2021**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting. Carried***

**II. Employee Succession Plan**

Eckart reviewed the updated employee succession plan for discussion. Replacing the power plan operator is the next concern.

**III. Request to Advertise for Part-Time Help**

Superintendent Eckart requested approval to advertise for part-time help to replace Perry Mehring’s position for three days a week in the summer and very limited in the winter months.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to advertise for part-time help. Carried***

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

Esker questioned Eckart on the concrete work. Eckart is working on the pool project and is working on the updated bids for the other projects.

Harbaugh questioned the polar vortex pricing. MRT has said they will not be charging the penalties and reducing the majeure pricing is still being worked on; but the city did receive the cost and it was passed on to the customers.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois