

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Ben Schwartzkopf, 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, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:52 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

A. Plant Report

Eckart reported that on Monday - Wednesday, SIPC/Ameren was doing some routine transmission line work and the city was generating 7 A. M. – 5 P.M. A unit tripped off on Monday and all the utility customers had power back on in about an hour. Unit #7 had a broken rocker arm, which has been repaired and is back in service. Unit #3 is still down, and they are working on getting it back up and running, as the URGE testing is scheduled for June 9th.

II. Utilities/Streets

A. Electric

Routine work and will be working on the Fieldstone subdivision soon.

B. Gas

General maintenance and will be working on the Fieldstone subdivision.

C. Water – Aerator Replacement Project

Some additional paperwork has been submitted on the aerator replacement grant request.

D. Sewer

Nothing to report.

E. Streets

Chairman Guebert questioned when the state would be finishing the sidewalk project. Eckart said they should be finishing up the sidewalks by Rock and E.S. First Streets and they are scheduled to start milling the street. They plan to work from the south city limits, to Ruma, then back to the south city limits, get the binder course on, then repeat from the south city limits to the square and then from the square to the west county line. After all the binder course is down, they will come back and resurface. The seeding will be done when everything else is finished.

III. Subdivision/Development Incentives

The Planning Commission is meeting on the revisions to the subdivision code on May 18th. Attorney Ray will have an ordinance for the June council meeting.

IV. Employee Succession Plan

Eckart is still trying to get a definite retirement date from Keith Bauer; it will not be before May 2022. Eckart anticipates the training time to be about one year. Eckart has spoken to some people who may be interested in the job.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting April 19, 2021

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021, meeting. Carried

II. Training Request – IMEA Generation Operator Seminar - Josh Eckart and Keith Bauer

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve authorization to send Josh Eckart and Keith Bauer to training entitled "IMEA Generation Operator Seminar" on June 3, 2021, in Springfield, Il. Carried

III. Proposal from Gateway FS – Replace Street Shed Garage Doors and Openers

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to accept the proposal from Gateway FS, Inc. to replace the garage doors and openers, in the amount of \$8,262.85. Carried

IV. Proposal from Core & Main – Shear Gate Alterations for Lagoon Overflow

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve authorization to accept the proposal from Core & Main to repair the shear gates at the lagoon overflow, in the amount of \$4,311.05. Carried

V. Authorization to Purchase Beautification Banners & Brackets – Not to Exceed \$8,000

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve authorization to purchase beautification banners and brackets, NTE \$8,000. Carried

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

Chairman Guebert asked Rodney Nevois for an estimation of the cost of continuing the sidewalk on W. Field St., from the end of Fieldstone subdivision to Country Club Drive. Nevois said he has it and will submit it to the city.

Eckart asked for the OK to get the Core & Main proposal ordered, as the prices are going up on June 1st. There was no objection.

Harbaugh asked about the cost of the PA on the current utility bill. Eckart said it is up because of the lower usage.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois