

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, July 19, 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: Acting Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Eckart reported that they are working on general maintenance.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric
Working with Nevois on getting the lots marked off to start running the gas and electric in Fieldstone.
- B. Gas
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- C. Water – Aerator Repair/Replacement Update
Poetker said she had emailed the grant project representative this morning, but she had not heard back yet. She will follow up.
- D. Sewer
The golf course lift station work is being scheduled.
- E. Streets
Eckart is working with Moore Asphalt to schedule that work, and the crosswalks will be painted before school starts.

III. Employee Succession Plan

Superintendent Eckart said he would like to advertise to hire someone to start training for the plant operator position to replace Keith Bauer when he retires. This could be a difficult position to fill.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to advertise for electric plant operator. Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting June 21, 2021

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Schwartzkopf, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021, meeting. Carried

II. Lois Mesnarich and Janel Kassing/Water Main Break on South Main

Lois Mesnarich, 324 S. Main, Nick Kassing (representing Janel Kassing at 328 S. Main) and Donna Barber (Mrs. Mesnarich's daughter) addressed the committee to discuss the damage they received from the water main break on Main St. while E. T. Simonds was using a roller resurfacing Route 3 for the IDOT project. Mrs. Mesnarich is asking for \$6,200, plus painting, in reimbursement of expenses and Mr. Kassing, \$114 to cover the damages caused by the water main break. Mr. Kassing has contacted IDOT but gotten no response to date. Attorney Ray stated that the city has tort immunity under Illinois law, and he suggested that they contact their lawyer. Pam Poetker said that this had been turned into the city's insurance and the city has no control over whether they pay a claim.

No Action

III. Proposal from Sample Brothers, Inc. – Stand-by Lube Heater/Filter Pump for Generators #2/#3

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from Sample Brothers, Inc., for the new pumps for generators 2 and 3, as quoted (\$3,060.58). Carried

IV. Resignation of Mark Thompson

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to accept the resignation from Mark Thompson as meter reader. Carried

V. Fieldstone Subdivision – Phase 2 Street Lights

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to accept the quote from Lighting Associates for \$30,360 for streetlights. Carried

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

Superintendent Eckart said that he anticipates filling the support person position in house. He plans to come to the council meeting with a recommendation for the position and then request permission to advertise to fill the new vacancy.

The city hall roof has all the shingles finished, but the flat roof was put on hold, until after the fireman's picnic. Eckart is working on getting it scheduled.

For the IDOT project, all the paving has been completed. Simonds will be doing all the seeding and backfilling and they will be striping and maybe help with painting the parking lanes. There is no definite time frame for completion.

Committee Member Hanebutt mentioned that the yellow no parking at the square seems to be working.

Committee Member Donjon asked about residents being allowed to paint the city owned streetlights in their front yards. Eckart suggested that if the lights need maintenance, they should call the utility plant office first.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell
City Clerk, Red Bud, Illinois