

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 21, 2023  
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: Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Alan Piel

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: City Attorney Rick Cooper

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Business as usual; there are no scheduled generating runs during the summer peak season. They will start up again in September.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
Nothing to Report
- B. Gas  
Nothing to Report
- C. Water – Aerator Replacement Project  
Eckart is working with the contractor to schedule the work to make sure the bypass is going, and the water plant operation is maintained during construction.
- D. Sewer  
Nothing to report.
- E. Streets  
Nothing to report.

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting July 24, 2023**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023, meeting. Motion Carried*

**II. Proposal from Layne Christensen Company – Chemical Treatment of Well #1**

***Recommendation made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Schwartzkopf, to accept the proposal from Lane Christensen Company, estimated at \$25,810.00, for chemical treatment of well #1. Motion carried.***

**III. Proposal from Korte & Luitjohan Contractors – Filter Media Replacement**  
***Recommendation made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt to accept the proposal from Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, to reinstall the filter media replacement, NTE \$48,000. Motion carried.***

**IV. Water/Sewer Technician Position – Authorization to Hire**  
***Recommendation made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to move Derek Allen into the position of Water/Sewer Technician at an hourly rate of \$24.28. After a six-month probationary period, a step increase of \$2.50/hour and after twelve months a \$2.50/hour increase. Motion carried.***

**V. Electric Utility Rates**

Eckart is starting to review, in conjunction with IMEA, the electric rate structure for solar customers.

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

Council Member Nevois suggested that the decorative lamp posts downtown need painting, replacing or powder coating. Superintendent Eckart will get more information on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois