

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, September 20, 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, Alan Piel

Others Present: Acting Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham (6:40), Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
SIPC is working on the 69kv main line, beginning September 21, therefore the city will be generating from probably 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., until that work is completed.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric
No update
- B. Gas
No update
- C. Water – Aerator Replacement Project
Acting Mayor Harbaugh received the “Notice of State Award Finalist” for the water aerator replacement project. After the paperwork is signed, Eckart will get in contact with Voelker to get the bid specs out. An extension may be needed, because of weather.
- D. Sewer
Joe Ledlow, sewer operator, has been notified that Red Bud has been nominated for plant of the year by IEPA.
- E. Streets
No update

III. Employee Succession Plan

Eckart is currently advertising the power plant position.

IV. Authorization to Fill Laborer Position

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Schwartzkopf, to approve authorization to hire Derek Allen as laborer, at the hourly rate of \$18.50, pending results of physical and drug testing. Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting August 16, 2021

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021, meeting. Carried

II. Request from VFW – Use of Street Light to Hang Banner

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve authorization of the request from the VFW to use the streetlight across the street from the VFW Home, to hang a hometown hero banner. Carried

III. Easements

A. Diewald Utility Services: Relocated Water Main – New and Abandoned

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to accept the General Utility Easement with Diewald Utility Services to relocate their water main. Carried

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve authorization to accept the Partial Release of General Utility Easement with Diewald Utility Services to relocate their water main. Carried

B. Lance and Nicole Krack: Electric Primary

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to accept the General Utility Easement with Lance and Nicole Krack. Carried

IV. Net Metering Policy Updates

Eckart mentioned that IMEA is working on a generalized energy policy, regarding a net metering policy ordinance. It is needed to conform with a new law passed yesterday and must be done within 180 days.

V. 2021 Pipeline Safety Conference Training Requests: Kenny Langrehr, Steve Mertz, Clint Crafton

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve authorization to send Kenny Langrehr, Steve Mertz, and Clint Crafton to training entitled "2021 Pipeline Safety Convention" in Effingham, IL on October 27-28, 2021, at a cost of \$120/each. Transportation and lodging are required. Carried

VI. Lead and Copper Sampling – Approval of \$5.00 Coupon (Total of 20 Samples)

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve authorization to issue \$5.00 water coupons to twenty customers participating in the water lead and copper sampling. Carried

VII. Cell Phone Tower Lease Updates

The American Tower easement request was discussed. Superintendent Eckart and Attorney Ray will negotiate Option 1 with a \$5,000 extension payment lease agreement and update the committee on the progress next month.

VIII. Utility Reconnect Fees and Timing

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve authorization to have Attorney Ray rewrite the ordinance requiring a \$100 reconnection fee, for any after-hours utility reconnection, after 3:00 P.M. Carried

IX. Crosswalk on Locust Street for Red Bud Elementary School

Chief Brittingham said that RBES has the ball in their court, if they want to make the crosswalk ADA compliant, and it would be at their cost. An ordinance would have to be written. Eckart will communicate with the school that the next step is to send a formal commitment request to the city.

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

Eckart stated that the city hall flat roof is finished, and work is continuing on the pitched roof.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois