

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2020
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, David Friess, Susan Harbaugh

Others Present: Mayor Tim Lowry, City Attorney Paul Ray, City
Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff
Mueller (Remote), Police Chief John Brittingham,
Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Waiting on urge testing report from IMEA.

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric - Underground & Structure Replacement Project
They are in process of pulling in the wire. All the duct work is completed
across the parking lot. May see some terminations at the power plant this week
and then they will be working on scheduled outages. Poetker has completed
two quarterly reports and have received checks. The next reports are being
worked on now.
- B. Gas
No update
- C. Water – Water Aerator Update/Potential DCEO RLF Project
Eckart said that there may be some urgent needs funds leftover (\$345,000 est.)
after the water aerator and electric underground and structure replacement
projects. There are some opportunities to use some of this money for grading,
building removal and other small projects. An IEPA permit would be needed.
Any project grant request would have to be approved by DCEO by 12/31/2020.
Funds could be moved from the water tower painting for this project.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member
Esker, to authorize approval to move forward with the water aerator update/potential
DCEO RLF project. Carried***

- D. Sewer
The EPA inspection last week had no problems.

E. Streets

Because of weather, the oil and chip project has been rescheduled for the third time to September 30 and October 1.

III. Subdivision/Development Incentives

Jeff Mueller had proposed a list of some incentive proposals, which had previously been distributed to the council. Rodney Nevois, RCK Development, said he is out of building lots. There is one more phase to be developed in Fieldstone. Nevois is at a point of deciding whether or not he is going to develop it. Fieldstone was grandfathered under the old subdivision code. An incentive, which Mr. Nevois suggested, was for the city to put in the gas infrastructure; possibly using the city sidewalk program to put in the sidewalks; help with the street lighting and signs. Further discussed is needed.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting August 17, 2020
Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2020 meeting. Carried

II. Utility Billing – PPA

Eckart and IMEA will continue to work with customers who questioned their electric usage/bills. Consideration of adjusting the electric base rate was discussed. Eckart will work with BHM &G on this. Donjon questioned going back to reading water meters monthly. Eckart and Hanebutt suggested waiting until after we see what the utility billing software company can do with the estimated water bills.

III. Proposal from Paul Mueller Company – Gaskets for Generators 7 & 8

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to accept the proposal from Paul Mueller Company for a set of interchangeable gaskets for generators 7 and 8 at a cost of \$2,350. Carried

IV. Water Coupons – Lead and Copper Testing (20 Samples @ \$5.00 Each)

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

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

Eckart is working on a quote for replacing office chairs.

Eckart has talked to Jerome Brand on his sewer backup issue. There is currently a 30 or 36" pipe that runs from Madison Street to Bum's Jungle. Mr. Brand has done several things that have helped and he seems to be ok with where the city is at with what options the city can and cannot do.

The IDOT project was supposed to start today, but will probably start the first part of October. The patchwork up and down the highway will be done first and that is what all the marks are for. There will be some curbs/sidewalk work. A Saturday, Sunday,

Monday closure of West Market between Rock and Spring Streets will be scheduled, to redo a storm sewer. The work is being done by E T Simons and Mayor Landscaping. The paving and milling will be done next spring.

Donjon asked about sidewalk repair. Eckart said he is working on some now.

Donjon asked about getting a shrub/yard waste drop off place/truck at the plant for citizens doing fall yard cleanup. Eckart will work with Donjon on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois