

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 19, 2020  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Police Chief John  
Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk  
Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Code Administrator Jeff Mueller

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

A. Plant Report

The urge test results are in. The peak this summer was at 12,615 KW and that is what the non-spinning reserve is based on.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

A. Electric - Underground & Structure Replacement Project

There is about three weeks work left to complete the project, however, the contractor has been affected by COVID-19. This should not affect the timeline for completion. Eckart said he is working on utilizing some of the unused DECO funds for expanding additional poles and conductors. The last billing request was approved for \$619,000 and is being processed.

B. Gas  
Nothing

C. Water  
Eckart and Poetker are working on the grant application to use the remaining DECO funds for the aeration replacement project.

D. Sewer  
Nothing

E. Streets  
Nothing

### **III. Subdivision/Development Incentives**

One of the incentives being looked at right now is the city taking care of the gas installation and at the utility tap fees. Other possibilities are also being discussed. This first phase, which is the city paying to put the gas in, is being brought before the Planning Commission on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business

#### **I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting September 21, 2020**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting. Carried*

#### **II. Request for VFD Purchase in Water Plant (IMEA Energy Efficiency Program)**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the VFD equipment purchase for the water plant, using IMEA Energy Efficiency Program Funds. Carried*

#### **III. Request for LED Lighting Purchase for Various Buildings (IMEA Energy Efficiency Program)**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the proposal to purchase LED lighting for various buildings, using IMEA Energy Efficiency Program Funds. Carried*

#### **IV. Proposal from Sample Brothers – Generator #4 Standby Lube Oil Heater and Filter**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to approve authorization of the proposal from Sample Brothers for the standby lube oil heater and filter for generator #4, NTE \$11,500. Carried*

#### **V. Quote from Reppert's/Egyptian Workplace Partners – Office Chairs**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to authorize approval of the proposals from Reppert's of Sparta and Egyptian Workspace Partners for office chairs, NTE \$3,800. Carried*

#### **VI. Green Wave Consulting, LLC – Proposed Ordinance**

Eckart explained that this is a request connected to the Schliefer IEPA clean up at 425 West Market Street. Eckart will work with Attorney Ray in preparing an ordinance to be presented at the November council meeting.

#### **VII. Utility Tap Fee Updates**

Eckart continues to regularly look at the tap fees/costs, as this is part of the subdivision incentive discussions.

#### **VIII. Handhelds**

Eckart said he is working on pricing for replacement handhelds. The city has four and each handheld runs \$4,000; #3 is currently broken.

#### **IX. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

Committee Member Esker questioned what will happen to the 28 chairs, which are being replaced. Eckart said they will be put up for sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois