

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, November 15, 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, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

- A. Plant Report
Business as usual

II. Utilities/Streets

- A. Electric
Working on the holiday street lights
- B. Gas
Working on meter upgrades
- C. Water
The ERR is in progress and we should be getting final approval that it is not on an Indian reservation.
- D. Sewer
The golf course lift stations are ongoing. They should be finished Thursday or Friday.
- E. Streets
Winter street maintenance will begin.

III. Employee Succession Plan

- A. Power Plant Operator Position and Proposed Pay Rates
Interviews are complete. Eckart has had a candidate come back for a walk through. He would like to get the graduated pay rate schedule approved. It is estimated that the operator will be at full duties at around one year. Keith

Bauer plans to retire in about a year. Eckart plan to have a recommendation for the December council meeting.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the Power Plant Operator Pay Rate

Schedule. (Clerk Note: Starting @ 80% of current pay rate of \$26.86, after six months @ 90%, after twelve months @95% and at full duties @100%. The pay rate will increase with any annual percentage rate increase.) ***Carried***

IV. Net Metering Policy Updates

Eckart sent some information to Mike Jenner at IMUA and they are working on a generic policy that we will be able to work off of. This is ongoing.

V. Cell Phone Tower Lease Updates – Approval of Amendment to Lease

The lease which had been reviewed and changed by Attorney Ray has been approved and sent back to the city for signature.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the American Tower Company cell tower lease, as amended. Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting October 18, 2021

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021, meeting. Carried

II. Utility Write Offs – Accounts Past Due Over Seven Years

A record of written-off accounts is kept at city hall and if any of these customers move back to Red Bud and apply for service, they will have to pay any written-off amount, prior to receiving service.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to write off utility accounts overdue for more than seven years. (\$6,6015.81) Carried

III. Recommendation to End Jason “Kolten” Guebert’s Six Month Probationary Period Effective November 24, 2021

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to end the six-month probationary period for Jason “Kolten” Guebert, effective November 24, 2021. Carried

IV. Symmetry Energy Solutions Documents

A. Approval of Gas Sales Agreement

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval of the Symmetry Gas Sales Agreement. Carried

B. Approval of Transaction Confirmations (Gas Sales Exhibits)

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the Symmetry Transaction Confirmation (Gas Sales Exhibits). Carried

V. Ordinance Changes Regarding Generators

Attorney Ray noted that the ordinance needs updating, clarifying that a customer may not use a generator to supply electricity to their property when service has been disconnected for nonpayment.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve authorization for Attorney Ray to update the ordinance regarding generator use when service has been disconnected due to nonpayment. Carried

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

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois