

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 16, 2020  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

- Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Bill Hanebutt, Clem Esker, Mike Rheinecker
- Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon (Clerk Note: Donjon was remotely in attendance, but did not follow Ordinance No. 1446: 1-2-9 (2) & (3))
- Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, David Friess, Susan Harbaugh
- Others Present: City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell
- Others Absent: Mayor Tim Lowry

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. (The Public Works meeting was convened first due to public guest Tim Pruett from Volkert Engineering, formally Rhutasel & Associates)

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Business as usual

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric - Underground & Structure Replacement Project  
The original scope of work is pretty much complete. Work is starting on the secondary phase, approved by DECO.
- B. Gas  
No updates
- C. Water  
No updates
- D. Sewer  
No updates
- E. Streets  
No updates

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

Guebert said that the city passed to pay for installation of the gas lines, as an incentive, in a new subdivision, for a three-year period. There are other possible incentives that the city is still looking at to encourage development and will be working with zoning on this after the first of the year.

### **IV. Utility Tap Fee Updates**

The raising of tap fees to help cover these costs will also be discussed. Eckart said he looks at these each year in January and will be reporting his recommendations back to the committee.

### New Business

#### **I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting October 19, 2020**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting. Carried*

#### **II. Tim Pruett – Introduction to Volkert Engineering**

Tim Pruett, formally with Rhutasel & Associates, announced that they have been purchased by Volkert Engineering and will be retaining the Freeburg office and all employees, except two. He wanted to assure the city that Volkert will continue to serve the city contracts and needs, as they have in the past as Rhutasel.

#### **III. Proposal from Belleville Fence Company – Dairy Queen Lift Station**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve authorization to accept the proposal from Belleville Fence Company, NTE \$3,105.00, for the fence at the Dairy Queen lift station. Carried*

#### **IV. 2021 MFT General Maintenance Program**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to approve authorization to attach the appropriate signatures to the 2021 Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Carried*

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

None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois