

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 20, 2023  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Mike Rheinecker, Bill Hanebutt, Ben Schwartzkopf

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois

Council Members Absent: Alan Piel

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

A. Plant Report  
Normal generation runs are as per the schedule. IPA air permit inspections were conducted last Thursday. BHMGM will be able to request the report in about two months.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

A. Electric  
Nothing to Report

B. Gas  
Nothing to Report

C. Water – Aerator Replacement Project  
Work is ongoing. The aerator is in place and operating. The electric work for the new valve is in. The painting is in progress. There is a little grading to be done. MC Electric needs to finish the heating trays and then reinsulate the pipes. IEPA conducted the water inspection last week. A report will follow.

D. Sewer  
Nothing to Report

E. Streets  
Nothing to Report

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting October 16, 2023**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023, meeting. Motion Carried*

**II. 2024 APPA Legislative Rally – Authorization for Mayor and City Superintendent to Attend**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval for Mayor Harbaugh and Superintendent Eckart to attend the Annual APPA Legislative Rally. Expenses to be reimbursed by IMEA. Motion carried.*

**III. Aerator Project – Approval of Amendment to Include Most Recent Wage Rate Determination**

The contract needs to be updated with current wage rates, due to the time the contract was signed and when the work began.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the amendment to the contract with Haier Plumbing to include the most recent wage rate determination. Motion carried.*

**IV. MFT/Rebuild Illinois Resolution**

This is the annual resolution using the MFT/Rebuild Illinois money, which must be spent by 2025.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the signatures for the resolution with IDOT for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code, to spend the Rebuild Illinois Funds. Motion carried.*

**V. Approval of Updated Tap Fee Ordinance No 1528**

There was a typo with conflicting dollar amounts in the original ordinance. The steel main additional connection fee is \$1,400, including an effective date of December 15, 2023.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve updated ORDINANCE NO. 1528: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGES.” Motion carried.*

**VI. Approval of Replacement Geothermal System for Utility Office**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to approve the proposal from Beloman for a geothermal system for the utility office, for \$19,404. Motion carried*

**VII. Holiday Lighting Coupon**

Raising the value of the holiday lighting coupon from \$10 to \$15 was discussed.

Poetker will get details on the difference in costs to the city and it will be put on the regular council agenda for discussion.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the outdoor holiday lighting coupon for \$10. Motion rescinded.*

**VIII. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

Council Member Nevois said there is about a 100-foot area on the city lake bank at the golf course by holes #1,2,3, which needs rip rap. Eckart said this will be addressed as regular maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois