

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS & REMOTE ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE  
ZOOM MEETING #84703513804**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR MATTHEWS AT 6:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** George, Matz, Matthews, Penney, Briggs

Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer

**GUESTS:** Mark Wiley, Megan Stiverson, Raymond Anton, Brandy Marks, Scott Welden, Bob Jepson, Brian Toma, Zina Anton, Danielle Elder

**PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020, Financial reports June 2020, Payment of operating bills in the amount of \$48,272.91 and also to receive and file Planning Commission report for June.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matz, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (5-0)

**FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:**

-Megan Stiverson, candidate for District Court Judge, was in attendance to discuss her campaign.

-Mark Wiley, Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners present. Mr. Wiley stated that the county offices are open with screeners in place and also informed on Health Department Corona Virus numbers.

**OLD BUSINESS/Ongoing Business:**

-Mayor Matthews reminded the Council and guest that there will be a General Municipal election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to elect one person Mayor and three people to the Office of Councilor. Petitions need to have at least 15 signatures, but no more than 25 and need to be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Petition packets are available at City Hall and can be picked up during regular business hours.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MRTMA-Adult Use Retail License Application BRT Capital 3, LLC- 112 S. Main:**

-Councilor Penney shared with the Council that the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council grant conditional authorization for BRT Capital 3, LLC to move forward with their full licensing with the state for a Adult Use Retailer License.

George moved, Briggs seconded to grant conditional authorization for BRT Capital 3, LLC to move forward with their full licensing with the State for an Adult Use Retailer Establishment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matz, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (5-0)

A conditional authorization will allow BRT Capital 3, LLC to apply for full licensing with the State of Michigan for an Adult Use Retail License, but they would not be fully licensed with the City of Reading to operate a for an Adult Use Retailer until they have satisfied all of the City's requirements for Licensing.

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with CHBW & Co., P.C. and approve the fee in the amount of \$8,000 to complete the 2019/2020 Audit.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matz, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to set up a public hearing to determine the condition of the property at 205 Lynn Street for the possible abatement of the code violations as presented by the Code Enforcement Department and to publish the hearing and notify the property owner of said hearing. Motion carried (5-0)

-George moved, Briggs seconded to allow the City Manager and Maintenance Supervisor to dispose of the 2001 Ford F250 Super Duty and the 2004 Chevrolet Impala by taking sealed bids and awarding such bid/or disposal method in the best interest of the City. Motion carried (5-0)

-Online Bill Pay Utility Billing/Property Tax was tabled for future meeting.

-Reading Summer Festival Days cancelled for 2020 due to Corona Virus. No actions required.

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to accept the 2019/2020 Budget Adjustment Resolution.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matz, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Adjustment included an adjustment to CIP to line item for Computer/Office Equipment to include \$5,702 for the new Lanier Copier, the Security Cameras Installed and the new desktop at City Hall all totaling \$7,693.40 to be transferred from the Water, Sewer and General Fund.

Mayor Matthews moved the Second Call to Public ahead of Closed Session on the agenda.

**SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:**

Danielle Elder, Owner Rob's Barber Shop, sent a letter to council over concerns in the City. Parking was an issue. Alley leading to W. Cherry St. was talked about possibility of making one way. City Council requested that the Maintenance Department put up necessary signage to make the alley going to the West Parking Lot one way from W. Cherry Street.

-Scott Weldon came to represent his father, Andy Weldon who is running for 58<sup>th</sup> District State Representative.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to go into Closed Session to discuss a possible property acquisition and to allow City Manager Blythe and Deputy Clerk King to be attendance of closed session.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matz, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (5-0)

Council went into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

Briggs moved, George seconded to pursue what was discussed in Closed Session in regards to the possible property acquisition. Motion carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer