

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2013
READING CITY HALL**

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

ROLL CALL: Everett, Wheeler, Donihue and Briggs were present. Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer was also present.

Absent: Cook (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

GUESTS: See attached list.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013 regular meeting. Carried (4-0)

Review and Approval of Financial Statements:

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as presented. Carried (4-0)

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS:

-Everett moved and Wheeler seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$64,927.84 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Wheeler moved, Everett, seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried (4-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

Betty Blount, President Reading Chamber of Commerce reported that the Business Directory has been distributed to area businesses for residents and travelers to pick up. Plans for the 2013 Reading Festival Days are still in the works and the July meeting has been put back a week to July 10th at 7pm in Council Chambers. Also, stated that the Hillsdale County Chamber will be hosting along with Century Bank & Trust in Reading a Business After Hours that will also allow local businesses and members of the Reading Chamber to showcase their business and products.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

-Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Street Closures for the Reading Festival Days activities, as presented. Carried (4-0)

Street Closures are as follow; the closing of Chestnut Street from Michigan to Cherry and Michigan Street from Main Street to Strong Street from 7am-midnight for a Car Cruise-In, Craft Show, Fiddlers Jam, Bake Sale and Rotary BBQ and Street Dance on Saturday, August 3rd and the closing of Lincoln Street from Strong Street to Main Street from 12pm – 8 pm on Sunday, August 4th.

-Everett moved, Donihue seconded to re-appoint Nancy Briggs to the Fire Board for a six year term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2019. Carried (4-0)

Cook arrived 6:40 pm

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with OMC & Co., and approve the fee in the amount of \$6700 to complete the 2012/2013 Audit. Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- None

General Information Announced:

2013 Election Training and Public Accuracy Test: Election Inspectors are due to go to training on July 18th and the Public Accuracy Test has been set for Tuesday, July 23rd at 9am. Also, the Election Commission will meet immediately following the meeting Tuesday night to appoint Election Inspectors and officially set the date for the Public Accuracy Test as well as authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to take the necessary steps to conduct the County Wide Special Election on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

2013 Countywide Special Election: August 6, 2013 Special Election for the E911 Operating Surcharge Renewal Proposal

2013 General Municipal Election: A reminder to the Council and guests that there will be a General Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 to elect one person to be Mayor and two 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 13, 2013 at 4pm.

Next Regular Meeting will be August 13, 2013

Mayor Donihue announced that there will be an Election Commission Meeting immediately following the meeting.

Second Call to Public

Karen Scugoza was in attendance to share her concerns for the drilling of oil/gas wells in Michigan and in particular Reading Township.

Mark Wiley arrived at 7:04 pm

Mr. Wiley announced that Parke Hayes had resigned from the County Commissioners and that the Board of Commissioners will be taking resumes/applications for those qualified through July 19th. He also reminded everyone to sign up for Code Red through Hillsdale County Dispatch.

There was a lot of discussion and concerns about the many young people running around town after curfew.

Everett moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5-0)
Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Blythe, City Manager-Clerk/Treasurer