

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012
READING CITY HALL**

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

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

GUESTS: See attached list.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

GUEST: Mayor Donihue introduced Michelle Bianchi, Candidate for Probate Judge. Michelle highlighted her qualifications and experience with the Hillsdale County Courts and asked the Council and Guests to support her candidacy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Briggs moved and Everett seconded to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting. Carried (5-0)

Approval of Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements:

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial statements as presented. Carried (5-0)

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Everett moved, Briggs seconded to pay the Operating bills in the amount of \$32,041.18. Carried (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Wheeler moved Everett seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried (5-0)

CALL TO PUBLIC

Betty Blount reported that the Chamber is still moving forward with many plans for the Community to celebrate the big 50 year anniversary of festival days. Also, the Chamber wants partners to help with the cost to install a new Banner and banner poles at the North end of town.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Cleanup will be on May 19, 2012. The City has contracted with Allied (Republic) Waste Service for curb side pickup. Residents will have one week and no later than 7:00 AM Saturday the 19th to place items out for pickup. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is on the City Website and at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

-Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to Proclaim May 17th, 18th and 19th as "Poppy Days" for the Reading American Legion Auxiliary. Carried (5-0)

-Briggs moved Everett seconded to set a Budget hearing as part of the Regular Meeting, June 12, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. Carried (5-0)

This Public hearing for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year will include several things in the budget as far as a rate increase(s) for water, sewer and refuse rates, Cemetery Rate Schedule as well as misc. office charges, i.e., copies fax, etc. The 2012 Tax Millage rate will also be discussed.

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to amend the 2011/2012 Budget increasing the Contribution for the Reading Community Library from \$6000 to \$6500 as well as approving a contribution of \$1500 to the Library for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays-0

This will be the second allocation of Budget money to the Library bringing the total contribution to \$6500 for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

-Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the contribution of \$5000 to the Fire Department for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays-0

This will be the third allocation of Budget Money to the Department bringing the total contribution to \$25,000 for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to purchase 3 Dell Optiplex 790 Desktop Computers from Nonik Technologies of Hillsdale in the amount of \$3156, to be paid for from the Water, Sewer and General Fund Budgets.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays-0

The 3 desktop computers will replace the workstations at City Hall that are currently over 4 years old.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

There was some discussion from the Council and Guests in regards to the WCSR Reading Area News sponsorships and news reporting.

Wheeler moved and Everett seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting is June 12, 2012 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Blythe
City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer