

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012
READING CITY HALL**

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

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

Everett was absent.

GUESTS: See attached list.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

2011/2012 Audit Presentation

Mayor Donihue introduced Steve Bisher, OMC & Co.; the objective of the Audit is to express an opinion about whether the City's financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, following accounting rules (GAAP). Bisher gave a detailed report and said the results of the report showed that the city checks and balances are all in very good order. The full audit is at the City Hall and can be reviewed there or on line at the Michigan Department of Treasury's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. Carried (4-0)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to pay the Operating bills in the amount of \$233,308.12 and to draw them on the proper accounts. Carried (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CALL TO PUBLIC

Betty Blount reported that the Annual Reading Old Fashioned Christmas was a one of the best yet. Each year the attendance is growing and people come from all around to give the children a chance to see all of the decorations and go thru the many stops and see Santa in Santa Land. Each year Bonnie Thompson and the many volunteers who help to make it truly an event to be remembered and that this year they had over 500 children.

OLD BUSINESS

The pipe replacement at the WTP began on Monday December 3rd and plans are to be completed by the end of next week. The filters should be back on line by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Wheeler moved and Cook seconded to accept the 2011/2012 Audited Financial Statements as presented by OMC & Co. Carried 4/0

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to appoint Jenny Steele for a three year term on the Library Board beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015. Carried 4/0

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to re-appoint Betty Padgett to the Board of Review for a three year term beginning on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2015. Carried 4/0

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to re-appoint Chad Penney, Emma Everett and Charles Hartshorn to the Planning Commission for a 3 year terms beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015. Carried (4-0)

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to contract with Lonnie's Hauling and Tree Service for the Trimming /Removal of Trees in the City as specified in the Bid Documents dated November 26, 2012 in the amount of \$5800.

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

Nays- 0

Absent- Everett

Briggs moved and Wheeler seconded to contract with Johnny's Tree Service for the Trimming /Removal of the Trees in the Maplewood Cemetery as specified in the invitation to Bid Documents dated November 26, 2012 in the amount of \$4,460.

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

Nays- 0

Absent- Everett

Wheeler moved and Donihue seconded to approve the contribution of the remaining \$3250.00 of budgeted money to the Reading Community Library.

Roll Call Vote. Yeas. - Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs

Nays- 0

Absent- Everett

Cook moved and Wheeler seconded to adopts Resolution adopting a hazard mitigation plan required as a condition of future funding for various Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster mitigation programs.

Roll Call Vote- Yeas- Wheeler, Cook Donihue and Briggs

Nays- 0

Absent- Everett

Donihue moved and Briggs seconded to approve a Monetary Christmas Gift to all active City Employees in the amount of \$211.97

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

Nays- 0

Absent- Everett

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded that the City of Reading exempt itself from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for 2013.

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

Nays- 0

Absent- Everett

Call to public

Karen Scugoza shared information that she has gathered about fracking and the hunt for natural gas.

Next meeting will be on January 8, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Cook moved to adjourn and Wheeler seconded. Carried (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karleen Marsh, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer