

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011
READING CITY HALL**

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

ROLL CALL:

Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue, and Briggs were all present. John O'Donnell, Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, and Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer

GUEST:

Betty Cook, Ryan Czachorski (Hillsdale Daily News), Bonnie Thompson, Cindy & Jim Hamilton, Dawn Hicks, Betty Blount, and Chuck Hartshorn.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wheeler moved, Cook seconded to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 Council Meeting. Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JUNE:

Wheeler moved Cook seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for June. Carried 5-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the payment of the Operating Bills in the amount of \$54,654.26. Carried 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried 5-0

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Betty Blount gave the Council an update on the up and coming Reading Festival Days schedule for August 4-7, 2011.

Cindy & Jim Hamilton (Town & Country Refuse) did ask the Council the status of the City's effort in seeking a contract for solid waste pickup. They were told that the City is still working with several other Communities on this matter and as yet nothing has been worked out.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Cook moved, Wheeler seconded for the Council to approve the closing of the following Streets for the up and coming Reading Festival Days. Chestnut Street from Michigan to Cherry and Michigan street from east of the Dollar General's Drive to Strong Street from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. for a Car Cruise-In, Craft Show, Fiddlers Jam, Bake Sale, and Rotary BBQ on Saturday, August 6 and also the closing of Michigan Street from Main to Chestnut from 6 p.m.- Midnight on Saturday, August 6 and the closing

of Lincoln Street from Strong Street to Main Street from 12 p.m -8 p.m. on Sunday, August 7 for the 2011 Festival Days activities. Carried 5-0

There will be a General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 to elect one person to be Mayor and two people to the Office of Councilor. The person elected to be Mayor shall serve a two-year term beginning at noon on January 1, 2012 and expiring at noon on January 1, 2014. The two people elected to the Office of Councilor shall serve a four-year term beginning at noon on January 2, 2012 and expiring at noon on January 2, 2016. Petitions need to have at least fifteen signatures, but no more than twenty-five and need to be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be August 9, 2011.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Charles Hartshorn complained of motorist speeding down Michigan Street and of late night pedestrian traffic on same. Stated further that there are numerous dogs and cats running at large and also complained of burning trash that is in violation of City Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Everett moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John O'Donnell
Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer