

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
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 also present
Absent: None

GUESTS: Tamera Dow, Stephanie Kyser, Betty Blount, Dewey Stanton, Tim Groves, Pamela Beck, Jon Rutan and Melani Matthews

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016. Carried (5-0)

Approval of Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to approve the March Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements as presented. Carried (5-0)

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$78,167.30 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Guest: Pam Beck announced that she will be running for Hillsdale County Treasurer this year and shared information with Council about her qualifications.

Guest: Jon Rutan announced that he is running for Hillsdale County Sheriff and shared information with Council and guests about his qualifications.

Guest: Tamera Dow announced that she is running for Hillsdale County Sheriff and shared information in regards to her qualifications.

Guest: Stephanie Kyser announced she is running for Hillsdale County Treasurer and shared information in regards to her qualifications.

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC

Betty Blount stated that the Chamber has been finalizing plans for the 2016 Festival Days and have begun discussion in regards to the 2016 Halloween Fest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Donihue shared that a curb side Spring Clean-Up is scheduled with Modern Waste Systems for Saturday, May 14, 2016 residents started placing items at the curb on Saturday, May 7th and are allowed to no later than the evening of Friday, May 13th. A copy of the notice can be picked up at City Hall and viewed on the City's Website.

Mayor Donihue stated that he had looked up information in regards to the health concerns from Smart Meters and he did not feel that the information that he looked up gave enough supporting documentation to give a huge cause for concern.

The Council discussed the issues/concerns that Mr. Stanton had shared at the previous meeting and it was explained that the issue in regards to the outstanding mowing cleanup invoice and February Utility Statement had been paid by a Gregory Funding, LLC. The 2nd Issue was in regards to sending a final statement to tenants at least three times after they vacate a property. Options were discussed with Mr. Stanton and one of the options was to meter the location differently to make it more cost efficient and he was given contact information for the DPW to look into that option. The 3rd issue was in regards to requesting an exemption from the Ordinance in regards to Snow Removal. It was mentioned that back in 2007, when the Freeburn's requested a Special Use Permit to develop a 4 unit dwelling at that location, 113 W. Cherry, that there was no need for curbside parking and that there was enough space to accommodate 2 parking spaces per unit. Therefore Council did not deem it necessary to grant an exemption from the Snow Emergency Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Wheeler moved, Donihue seconded to declare May 12th, 13th and 14th as "Poppy Days" for the American Legion Auxiliary. Carried (5-0)

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to hire CHBW to perform an audit of our financial statements for the City and Component Unit as well as preparing the F-65, in the amount of \$7300 for 2016, \$7400 for 2017 and \$7500 for 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- None

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to set the Budget Hearing as part of our regular meeting, June 14, 2016. Carried (5-0)

Public hearing for the 2016/2017 f/y Budget, this hearing will also include rate increase(s) for water rates, sewer rates and refuse rates, Cemetery Rate Schedule, Miscellaneous Charges schedule, etc., and the 2016 Tax Millage rate.

-Donihue moved, Cook seconded to purchase the.NET Version of the BS&A Tax and Assessing Software in the amount of \$5,510.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- None

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to set up a hearing for the July 12, 2016 for the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to Fence Installation. Carried (5-0)

Mayor Donihue reminded Council and guests that there will be a General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 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 2, 2016 at 4pm. Petition Packets are available at City Hall and can be picked up during regular business hours.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with adopting resolutions to place ballot proposal(s) on the November 8th Ballot, for proposed amendments to the City Charter. The proposed amendments are in regards to Section 8.9(a) and 14.1.

Section 8.9(a) which is the requirement of the City to contract for an audit and that the Council in no case shall contract with the same firm for more than six consecutive years, thus limiting accepting lower bid, due to the 6 year limit.

Section 14.1 states that we shall have 9 members on the Planning Commission and it is very difficult to keep a 9 member Commission. When we were discussing and implementing the Ordinance establishing the Planning Commission, per the planning enabling Act, it was the Planning Commission's desire to have 5 or 7 members, but because of the Charter that could not happen.

-Donihue moved, Everett seconded to adopt the Body Armour Wear policy.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- None

The Body Armor Wear Policy provides guidelines to Officers and Administration for the proper use and care of issued protective body armor.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

-Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried (5-0)
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm at which time we will also be conducting our Budget Hearing as part of the Regular June Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer