

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
READING CITY HALL**

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

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

Absent: Wheeler

GUESTS: Betty Blount, Tom Stephenson, DPW Supervisor and Rob Cooley, Patrolman -Donihue moved, Everett seconded to excuse Councilor Wheeler from the meeting.

Carried (4-0)

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016, Election Commission Meeting of July 12, 2016 and Special Meeting of July 25, 2016. Carried (4-0)

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS:

-Cook moved, Everett seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$51,737.98 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Carried (4-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC

Betty Blount stated that the Heavy Weight Horse Pulls had a great turn out with 16 Teams during the 2016 Festival Weekend August 4th-7th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fence Ordinance- planning Commission amended their 2016 Meeting Schedule eliminating the September meeting date and scheduling a meeting and Public Hearing for August 29, 2016. The Public Hearing will be to consider a proposed amendment to section 152.075- Walls and Fences and Hedges and the addition of section 152.079 Plant Material. The proposed amendments and addition can be examined at the Reading City Hall during normal business hours or anytime on the City Website at <http://reading.mi.us>.

Resolutions for Proposed Charter Amendments have been sent to the Michigan Attorney General's Office and the Governor's office and we have received the recommendation from the AG's office to the Governor, just waiting for the letter of approval from the Governor's Office, prior to submitting to the County Clerk by August 16th to be placed on the November 8, 2016 Ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to approve the change in standard street lighting to include switching the current Mercury Vapor to LED at a cost of \$833.54 and also to include the current high pressure sodium lights on Chestnut Street in from E. Cherry to Maple as well as the high pressure sodium on Strong from Michigan to Lincoln at an additional cost of \$4105.32.

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

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to approve the bid from Wickham Tree Service in the amount of \$7800, less \$450 removing trees #4, 6 & 7 from the Maplewood East Side. Bid is to remove a total of 19 trees in Maplewood East & West Cemeteries.

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

-Briggs moved, Cook seconded to approve the proposal from Northern Pump & Well for the Cleaning of Well #7 on Dimmers Road in the amount of \$11,430. This proposal is to clean well # 7 of the crustation of iron and mineral *deposits* on the screen by sonar jet and double disk cleaning with air.

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

-Donihue moved, Everett seconded to purchase a new salt spreader from Scientific Brake & Equipment Sales of Michigan in the amount of \$6375. This model is a stainless steel 4.5 cubic yard hopper spreader with a 14.5" wide conveyor chain and will also include a 44"LED Light Bar.

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

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

Betty Blount also stated that she thought the Hillsdale Daily News did a great job covering the Reading Festival Days and that the Safety Sunday had a great turn out.

CLOSED SESSION:

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to go in to closed session to discuss a possible property acquisition.

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

Went into closed session at 6:58 pm

Returned to Open Session at 7:15 pm

New Business (Cont)

-Donihue moved, Everett seconded to hire a full-time maintenance position to work under the direction of the City Manager and amend the budget from the Part-Time DPW Maintenance to Full Time Maintenance Employee and to review the position in 90 days.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried (4-0)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer