

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
READING CITY HALL**

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

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

GUESTS: Ben Wheeler, Assessor/Zoning Administrator; Randy & Kelli Cook, Chad Penney, Planning Commission Chair; Carl Albright, Undersheriff; Mark Wiley, County Commissioner; Bob Jepson, Chuck Hartshorn, Officer Cooley and Valdiveso Matthews
Tim Parker, Sheriff arrived at 7:40 pm

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Donihue moved, Matthews seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting October 10, 2017 as amended. Motion Carried (5-0)

Approval of Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements

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

Payment of Operating Bills

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$79,300.09 drawn from the proper accounts. Motion Carried (5-0)

Consent Agenda

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

Public Hearing Proposed Ordinance on MMFLA

Mayor Donihue called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:33 pm

The hearing was regarding possible adoption of a proposed ordinance relating to Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (PA 281 of 2016) AN ACT to license and regulate medical marihuana growers, processors, provisioning centers, secure transporters, and safety compliance facilities. City residents and Planning Commission members present for the hearing shared their support, understanding and need for an ordinance to impose these regulations. Hillsdale County Undersheriff Albright and County Commissioner Wiley stated that they were against it and were there to represent the County. There was discussion regarding the licensing process being a three-part process and how applicants will need to go through the State of Michigan, City Planning Commission as well as the City Council for approval before any license would be issued. The next step in the process if the Ordinance is adopted would be a hearing of the Planning Commission regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance to regulate where the above-mentioned facilities will be allowed to locate in the City.

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion Carried (5-0)
Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:31 pm

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC

No comments

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

-Everett moved, Matthews seconded to adopt the proposed Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance #2017-01 as presented.

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

The Ordinance will be known as “the City of Reading Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance.” and the Ordinance authorizes the establishment of certain types of medical marijuana facilities in the City of Reading and adopts certain restrictions on the operation of such facilities, pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCL 333.27101, *et seq.* The Ordinance authorizes the issuance of up to: 9 total grower licenses (3 Class A, 3 Class B, and 3 Class C); 9 total processor licenses; 5 total provisioning center licenses; 9 safety compliance facility licenses; and 9 secure transporter licenses. The Ordinance contains requirements and procedures for the application, approval, and renewal of licenses, and further establishes an initial facility fee of \$4,000 for each license and an annual renewal fee of \$3,600 for each license. The Ordinance also contains requirements for the inspection and operation of licensed facilities. A violation of the Ordinance will be punished as a misdemeanor, with a first violation subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00, or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both, and with a second or subsequent violation subject to a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00, or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both. Violation of the Ordinance is also deemed to constitute a nuisance per se, and the Ordinance permits the City to seek injunctive relief and such other relief as is legally available to enforce the Ordinance. The Ordinance repeals all conflicting provisions of other existing ordinances. The Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Adoption.

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the budget adjustments and fund transfers, as well as the amended Salary Allocation Schedule, for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget as outlined in the Clerk/Treasurer’s Memo of November 8, 2017.

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

-Matthews moved, Briggs seconded to waive the interest and penalty of the 2017 Winter Tax Bills between February 15, 2018 and February 28, 2018. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Everett moved, Donihue seconded to approve a contribution of \$10,000 of budget money to the Fire Department Operating Fund.

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

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to approve the Live Nativity Scene during the “Old Fashioned Christmas” festivities on December 8th & 9th. Motion Carried (5-0)

The live nativity scene will be located in the City Parking Lot at 190 Michigan Street.

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to approve a monetary Christmas Gift to the 8 City Employees for \$216.57.

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

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

Sherriff Parker addressed the Council regarding his disappointment of the Council for having adopted the MMFLA Ordinance.

Mark Wiley, County Commissioner addressed the Council and Guests. Commissioner Wiley shared information regarding the contract with the Animal Shelter of Branch County, a County Medical Examiner, shared that CAA had 785 unduplicated clients in 2016 and, that the County is looking at 4 millage proposals/renewals on the ballot in 2018. Commissioner Wiley also stated that the County's New Office should be complete in June or July of 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)
Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer