

**AMENDED
READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, February 12, 2019
READING CITY HALL**

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

ROLL CALL: George, Penney and Matthews

Briggs Absent (Excused)

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer also present

GUESTS: Tim Parker, Sheriff; Mark Wiley, County Commissioner; Bob Jepson, Sgt. Cooley, Emma & Tom Everett, Brian & Sue Ditton and Rebecca Matz

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Penney moved, George seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019. Motion Carried (3-0)

Approval of Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements

-Matthews moved, Penney seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements for January. Motion Carried (3-0)

Payment of Operating Bills

-Penney moved, George seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$55,301.97 drawn from the proper accounts. Motion Carried (3-0)

Consent Agenda

Matthews moved, Penney seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion Carried (3-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

Mark Wiley, County Commissioner wanted to make sure that we are aware that there will be a meeting at the Hillsdale County Conservation Club on February 19th in regards to the Michindoh Aquifer. Mr. Wiley also stated that he will be attending a meeting on March 12th regarding Artesian of Pioneer, wanting to pump water from the aquifer to sell, and the effect that this will have on the Michindoh Aquifer.

Tim Parker, Sheriff shared that the Hillsdale County Commissioners approved a millage proposal to be on the ballot of a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The millage proposal would be a Hillsdale County Law Enforcement Enhancement Millage Proposal and would be for an additional .75 mills (\$.75 per \$1,000) of taxable valuation and if approved would be for a period of 5 years from 2019-2023 Tax Collection(s).

OLD BUSINESS:

MMFLA/MRTMA Update: Currently the City Attorney is working on a proposed ordinance in regards to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act as well as proposed amendments to the City's current MMFLA (Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act) Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Penney moved, George seconded to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2019 Assessments as presented. Motion Carried (3-0)

A copy of the current Federal Poverty Application, which includes the poverty guidelines for 2019, is available on the City's Website at www.reading.mi.us

Mayor Matthews shared that the Board of Review will meet on March 11, 2019 from 1pm-4pm and 6pm-9pm and on March 12th from 1pm-4pm and 6pm-9pm.

-George moved, Penney seconded to appoint Betty Padgett to the Board of Review for the term that will expire on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried (3-0)

-Penney moved, George seconded to appoint Rebecca Matz to the vacancy on City Council for the term vacated by Councilor Wheeler. Motion Carried (3-0)

The term of this vacancy will be from the date of appointment and will end when she or her successor is elected at the November 2020 Election and the Election is certified by the Board of Canvassers.

-Matthews moved, Penney seconded to accept the Letter of Resignation from Dave Cleveland, with regrets, from the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

Bob Jespon, Fire Chief shared with the Council and Guests that the Fire Board will possibly be requesting additional funds, from both the City and Township, in regards to the 2018/2019 Budget for the purchase of a 2000 KME Pumper for the Fire Department.

Brian and Sue Ditton, representing Green Tree Relief, LLC, were present to update the Council on the progress of their Licensing Application with the State of Michigan for a Provisioning Center and that they were on the agenda for the MMFLA Licensing Board for February 21, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Penney moved, George seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried (3-0)
Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer