

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
READING CITY HALL**

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

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

Absent: Cook (Excused)

GUESTS: Please see attached list

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to excuse Councilor Cook's absent. Carried (4-0)

Approval of Minutes

-Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 regular meeting. Carried (4-0)

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

No report

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS:

-Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$48,297.70 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Briggs moved and Everett seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried (4-0)

Guest: Terry Vear, Director- Hillsdale County Senior Services Center wanted to thank the City for their support of the Emergency Generator project and gave council an update of the many services provided by the center.

Guest: Hal Nottingham, Quincy announced that he will be running for State Representative this year and handed out campaign literature in regards to his candidacy.

Guest: Mark Wiley, Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners Mark Wiley, County Commissioner District 3 was present to give the council and guests a brief update of the County Commissioner's activities and also to let them know that he will now be serving as Chair on the Board and also serves on the Senior Center Board and Veteran Affairs Committee. Mr. Wiley did also state that the Board of Commissioners will be reviewing their policy on Closing of County Office's due to the weather. He also stated that he will be on the ballot in August for District 3 Commissioner.

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

Betty Blount reported another successful Annual Dinner with 39 members and guests present. The Dinner was held at the Reading American Legion with Rhonda Peters, Gallery 49 as the Guest Speaker. Betty reported that this year the Chamber is placing an ad in the 2014 Hillsdale County Visitors Guide. Chamber is already beginning the planning of activities for 2014 which include the Summer Car Cruise-Ins, Reading Festival Days, Oktoberfest and Old Fashioned Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to appoint Robert Jepson and Jeffrey Green as alternate member(s) to the Board of Review for a two year period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015. Carried (4-0)

It was the consensus of the Council to remove from any future agendas the purchase of a 1993 Kohler 30kw towable generator from KP construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to adopt the 2014 Poverty Guidelines for the 2014 Assessments. Carried (4-0)

-Donihue moved, Everett seconded to approve the contract with Domestic Harmony for 2014 in the amount of \$250.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Donihue and Briggs Nays: 0 Absent: Cook

It is the consensus of the Council to move forward with adopting a resolution to close the Railroad crossing on Maple Street after clarifying the necessary steps to do so.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried (4-0)
Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer