

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2020
READING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS &
REMOTE ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE
ZOOM MEETING #8928756160**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR MATTHEWS AT 6:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Matthews, Penney, Briggs, George. Absent: Matz
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer,
Rob Cooley, Reading Police.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2020. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements for September and payment of operating bills in the amount of \$63,377.84.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (4-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

George asking if Turner's food truck had a license from city, Officer Cooley informed that they did. George also inquired if TIFA lot on corner of S. Main and E. Silver could be used to put up storage units and was told that was not a permitted use per current zoning ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS/Ongoing Business:

Property at 318 N. Main appraisal came back lower than asking price, at \$172,000. This was lower than expected by seller. As a result, seller decided that they no longer wished to sell this property at this time, as a result, City Manager Blythe cancelled bond sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to waive the interest and penalty of the 2020 Winter Tax Bills between February 15, 2021 and March 1, 2021. Motion Carried (4-0)

-Mathews moved, George seconded to approve a Monetary Christmas Gift to 11 city employees for \$216.57.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to adopt the amended COVID-19 Response and Preparedness Plan as presented with corrections to Reading, as opposed to Joneville.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the InterLocal Agreement designating a County Assessor per MCL 221.10g

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, Mathews seconded to allow Kimberly Blythe, City Manager, to sign electronically the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum. Motion Carried (4-0)

-Matthews moved, Penney seconded to adopt policy regarding Remote Participation in City Meetings. This states that through Remote Electronic Attendance is allowed through 12/31/2020 and then as of 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 must have a health reason or be active military to remote participate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, Briggs seconded the Transfer/Gifting of Vacation Time of 59 hours, from employee to employee, for this one time for the fiscal year 2020/2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Briggs; Nays- None; Motion Carried (4-0)

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

George inquired if City is still pursuing the purchase of a backhoe or the possibility of purchasing a utility vehicle for city use.

George if it was possible for the city to rent speed signs.

George questioned if anything more is being done with property at 205 Lynn St. or violations sent out regarding tarped buildings. These matters are still being pursued stated Officer Cooley.

-Next meeting will be Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

-Penney moved, George seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer