

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY January 11, 2022
IN-PERSON &
REMOTE ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE
ZOOM MEETING #8928756160**

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

ROLL CALL: Matthews, George, Penney, VanCamp and Matz. Kimberly Blythe, Manager/Clerk/Treasurer, Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Chief Stolberg
Guest: ZOOM Lauren Wenneman, Gabridge & Company, In Person-Anne & Henry Snellenberger, Montgomery Fire and Rescue, Brad Wright, Reading Fire Chief, Carl & Linda McLain, Thomas Whitaker & Tommy Smith, Hillsdale County 911

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 7, 2021, and payment of operating bills for December 2021 in the amount of \$81252.20, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements November and TIFA December 2021 Packet.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- Matthews, Matz, Penney, VanCamp, George. Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

GUEST: Lauren Wenneman – Gabridge & Company – Presented the 2020/2021 Audit

Ms. Wenneman explained why an audit was necessary as well as the objectives of an audit. Financial Highlights included that the General Fund-Fund Balance decreased by \$18,237, and that the remaining balance of \$588,593 would cover approximately 15 months of operating expenses. She also went on to state that the Major Street Fund Balance increased \$13,348, and the Local Street also increased by \$17,877.

She also stated that the Sewer Fund had an increase in net position of \$34,114 and the Water Fund had a decrease in net position of 29,901, due to interest and debt expense on USDA Loan(s). She stated that the TIFA had an increase in net position of \$67,057. Also, it was noted that the City received an Unqualified Opinion on the Audit, which is the highest opinion, as well as there were not any non-compliance issues.

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

-Matz moved, Penney seconded to approve the mutual aid agreement that will allow Montgomery Fire and Rescue to provide First Responder Services to the City of Reading, being dispatched by Hillsdale County 911. This will take 90 days to be set up by 911.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- Matthews, Matz, Penney, VanCamp, George. Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the renewal of Alvarez Cultivation medical, MMFLA, license from March 10, 2022, through March 10, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- Matthews, Matz, Penney, VanCamp, George. Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the renewal of Alvarez Cultivation adult use, MRTMA, license from April 14, 2022, through April 14, 2023.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- Matthews, Matz, Penney, VanCamp, George. Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve Resolution 2022-01 MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies to authorize city employees to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for necessary permit work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the city.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- Matthews, Matz, Penney, VanCamp, George. Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-02 Resolution to adopt the annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- Matthews, Matz, Penney, VanCamp, George. Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the 2022 Meeting Schedule as presented except for Novembers which will be November 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers due to November Election. December 2022 meeting will be determined later.
Motion Carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to proclaim January 23 through January 29, 2022, School of Choice Week in the City of Reading as presented by Mayor Matthews. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Manager Blythe informed City Council of two vacancies on the Board of Review as of December 31, 2021. The city will post these positions on the City's website, Facebook, and in City Hall's window.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

Councilman George asked about Jake Brake Ordinance. City Manager Blythe had shared an email from the City Attorney to City Council back in November stating that under Michigan Law prohibiting engine brakes would be unenforceable and the best we could likely do is adopt an ordinance that would prohibit the use of engine brakes on vehicles that are not equipped with proper exhaust equipment or have had their exhaust equipment modified so as not to comply with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Code.

Carl McLain questioned repairs to Michigan Street. Penney and Blythe addressed this issue. Councilman Penney asked, if possible, to send out another flyer on trash receptacles.

-Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. and will be both In-person and ZOOM.

-Matz moved, Penney seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer