

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY April 11, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers**

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

ROLL CALL: Matthews, Penney, VanCamp, and George present. Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer and Sgt. Cooley

Absent: Matz

Guests: Scott Hodshire, Sheriff and Chuck Hartshorn, Planning Commission Chair

-Penney moved, George seconded to excuse Councilor Matz from the meeting.

Motion Carried (4-0)

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023. Payment of operating bills for March 2023 for \$111,881.68, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements February 2023, Library Board minutes of February 2023, Fire Board Minutes of February 2023, Planning Commission Minutes of February 2023, and the TIFA Packet of March 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, VanCamp, Penney & Matthews Nays- None.

Absent: Matz Motion Carried (4-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

Sheriff Hodshire updated Council on the many of the new programs that he has implemented within the Sheriff's Department since he took office.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Domestic Harmony Contract

-Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the contract with Domestic Harmony for 2023 in the amount of \$1000 for their continued service to our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, VanCamp, Penney & Matthews Nays- None.

Absent: Matz Motion Carried (4-0)

2023 Tree Bids

-VanCamp moved, Penney seconded to approve the Tree Bid from CHOP for the removal of 33 Trees in the amount of \$27,350, tree removal is due to age and or replacement of sidewalk.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, VanCamp, Penney & Matthews Nays- None.

Absent: Matz Motion Carried (4-0)

The trees to be removed are being done due to safety concerns after the last ice storm as well as the several windstorms we have had so far this Spring. Also, there are some being removed for sidewalk replacement to ensure there are not ongoing maintenance

issues with the sidewalks heaving. The City received six (6) bids ranging from \$27,350 to \$136,060.

Proclamation -April -Autism Awareness Month

Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to ratify the Mayor's Proclamation to proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Reading. Motion Carried 4-0

Budget Adjustments & Transfers:

-Matthews moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the budget adjustments and transfers as presented by the City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, VanCamp, Penney & Matthews Nays- None.

Absent: Matz Motion Carried (4-0)

Budget adjustments were all made to the CIP Fund due to the ongoing Capital Projects we are working on and there was an increase to the budgeted CIP revenues/contributions of \$10,599 and an increase to the overall budgeted expenditures of \$148,895.

Sidewalk W. Cherry Street Union to Barre Field

-Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to require that all sidewalks that should exist or do exist and need replaced, be replaced, regardless of the property owners preference. Motion Carried (4-0)

Planning Commission/TIFA Updates

-VanCamp moved, George seconded to remove Dan Gollnick from the Planning Commission/TIFA Board. Motion Carried (4-0)

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

-Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer