

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY November 14, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers**

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

ROLL CALL: Matthews, George, Matz, Penney and VanCamp Kimberly Blythe,
Manager/Clerk/Treasurer, Sergeant Cooley and Ben Wheeler TIFA Economic Development Director

Guest: Kevin Holley, Chris Clabaugh, Leon Johnson, Penny Slocum-Clark, Rakisha Hugenell

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2023, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for September 2023, Payment of operating bills for October 2023 for \$130,903.61.

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

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC

Penney Slocum Clark shared with Council that she received a notice that she was in violation for not submitting an application and getting approval to install a fence.

Rakisha Hugenell mentioned that she had received a notice of violation as well for items in her yard.

OLD BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS

**Michigan/Strong/East/Lynn Street Project-
Updates-Loan Application to USDA**

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to move forward with the USDA Loan for the Michigan/Strong/East & Lynn Street Watermain and Street Project.

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

The USDA Loan will be up to \$2,200,000 and this would be used in addition to the City's Contribution and Grants received by MEDC and MDOT, for a total estimated project cost of \$5,288,000. Project completion to be by December 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2023-01-Use & Occupancy Permit

-Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to adopt Ordinance 2023-01, Use & Occupancy Permit Ordinance to be effective as of January 1, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes- Matz, VanCamp, Penney and Matthews, Nays- George. Absent-None
Motion Carried (4-1)

The Use & Occupancy Permit Ordinance will work with the City's IPMC Ordinance and require an occupancy permit for any property that is not occupied by the owner as their principal residence.

NEW BUSINESS

PA 660 Combining of Board of Review

-VanCamp moved, Matz seconded to approve the agreement between the City of Reading and Reading Township to combine the Board of Review, per PA 660.

Motion Carried (5-0)

2023 Winter Tax Collection Penalty/Interest

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to waive the interest and penalty of the 2023 Winter Tax Bills between February 15, 2024, and February 29, 2024.

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

Employee Christmas Gift

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to approve a Monetary Christmas Gift to city employees of \$216.57.

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

-Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer