

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 9, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers**

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

ROLL CALL: Matthews, George, Matz, VanCamp and Penney, Chief Stolberg and Kimberly Blythe, Manager/Clerk/Treasurer all present.

Guest: None

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for February 2024, Library Board Minutes from December 2023 and February 2024, Fire Board minutes from June, October, November and December 2023, and payment of operating bills for March 2024 in the amount of \$48,891.66.

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

GUESTS:

None

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC

No Comments

OLD BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS

Michigan/East/Lynn/Strong Street Project-

Updates-MELS Project bid advertisements went out on April 3, 2024 and bids are due to City Hall, 113 S. Main Street, Reading, MI, by 1:30pm on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Rules of Order- No Updates

Property Acquisition Updates- .

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to adopt Resolution 2024-03, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Reading to sign all documents and to do all things reasonably necessary to complete the closing of the above-referenced transaction pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement including, without limitation, executing a warranty deed, subject to all reservations, restrictions, and easements, as set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Mowing Bids

-Matz moved, George seconded to approve mowing bids from Frontier Lawn & Landscape for the mowing of Magic Square, Michigan Street Well Property, Lagoons on Lilac Road, Water Treatment Plant and the Detention Pond Property on Walnut Street. Approved the bid from Triple E Lawn Care for the mowing of Maplewood East & West as well as Fall Clean-up of Maplewood East & West.

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

The City received bids from five different contractors for the 2024 Mowing Season.

Early Voting Precinct (EVP) Agreement Amendment

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the amendment to the Early Voting Precinct Agreement as presented

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

The amendment to the early voting precinct agreement is for Somerset Township to be included now in the Hillsdale County Early Voting Precinct. This will now mean that all registered electors of Hillsdale County will go to the EVP at the Hillsdale County Courthouse for the nine days of early voting prior to all State and Federal Elections.

EGLE-TMF Grant Agreement Approval

-Matz moved, Penney seconded to approve the Grant Agreement with EGLE for a Technical, Managerial and Financial (TMF) Support Grant for Lead Service Line Inventory/identification in the amount of \$267,245.

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

The grant agreement that we have received from EGLE for a Technical, Managerial and Financial Support for Lead Service Line Replacement Grant in the amount of \$267,245 to be able to identify and document potential lead line exposure per EGLE Guidelines for up to 350 water services.

Proclamation- April is Autism Acceptance Month:

Mayor Matthews submitted a Proclamation to Council of a Proclamation declaring April as Autism Acceptance Month.

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to ratify the Mayors Proclamation, proclaiming April as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Reading. Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Adjustments & Fund Transfers-#2 of 2023/2024

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the Fund Transfers to the Capital Improvement Project Fund as presented.

Fund Transfers related to the Chestnut Street Bond Payments, Phase 2 Parking Lot Project at the Pavilion, 2023/2024 Contracts for IT Services/Monitoring, Street Transfers and transfer for purchase of 2021 Dodge Charger Patrol Car.

Next Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers

Removal of No Parking Signs on West Cherry Street near Barre Field Entrance

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the removal of the No Parking Signs on West Cherry Street near the Barre Field Arch. Motion Carried (5-0)

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

No Public

-VanCamp moved, Matz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)
The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer