

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

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

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

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

Guest: Ketih O'Neil, Executive Director Reading Emergency Unit and Noris Shaba

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried (5-0)

GUEST Keith O'Neil, Executive Director, Reading Emergency Unit

Mr. O'Neil updated Council and Guests on the number of calls in the city and the average response times for said calls as responded to between January 2024 and July 8, 2024. Mr. O'Neil also shared information regarding the Ambulance Millage Renewal as well as sharing information regarding the Public Safety Communications Bond Proposal.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2024, Special Meeting of June 27, 2024, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for May 2024, Library Board minutes May 2024, TIFA/Planning Commission Packet June 2024 and payment of operating bills for June 2024 in the amount of \$171,662.32

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

Communications to Council

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS

MELS Project Updates-USDA Loan Resolution

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the USDA Loan Resolution, authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing improvements to the City's Water System as part of the MELS Project.

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

This Loan Resolution is for the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of One million Six Hundred and Eleven Thousand. These are Revenue Bonds paid for through monthly water utility revenues.

USDA Loan-Cancellation of Funds

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to authorize City Manager to cancel the remaining \$589,000 of approved USDA funds that were not required for the completion of the MELS project. Motion carried (5-0)

These funds were originally approved when the City applied for funding with USDA for the MELS Project, but due to the breakdown of payers and construction bids lower than anticipated we are cancelling the additional \$589,000 of the funds obligated by USDA prior to closing on the loan.

Marihuana Ordinance #2019-01 & 02 Amendments Ordinance 2024-01

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to adopt Ordinance #2024-01 an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2017-01 of the City of Reading, as amended by Ordinance No. 2017-02, Ordinance 2018-02 and Ordinance No 2019-01 to amend Subsection 1 of Section III of the Ordinance, as amended, to change the maximum potential, number of Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers that may be authorized by the City.

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

Ordinance 2024-02

-Matz moved, Penney seconded to adopt Ordinance #2024-02 an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 2019-02 to amend Subsection 1c of Section III of the Ordinance to change the maximum potential number of marihuana retailers that may be authorized by the City.

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

NEW BUSINESS

BRT Capital 3, LLC (dba Joyology)-MRTMA License Renewal

-Penney moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the renewal of the MRTMA license application for BRT Capital 3, LLC (dba Joyology) to be effective August 12, 2024-August 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, VanCamp, Penney, and Matthews,
Nays- Matz. Motion Carried (4-1)

Street Closures for Reading Festival Days

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the closing of Main Street and Michigan Street for the Parade from 12pm-2pm and E. Silver from Main to Chestnut from 7am-5pm on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024. Motion Carried (5-0)

Traffic Control-West State Street-Truck Pulls

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to authorize that West State Street be a temporary One-Way Street on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024. Motion Carried (5-0)

Appointment to Planning Commission

-VanCamp moved, Matz seconded to appoint *Hannah Tunis to the Planning Commission/TIFA Board, per recommendation of the Planning Commission, for the remainder of the term that expires December 31, 2025.* Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Adjustments & Fund Transfers 2023/2024

-Matz moved, Penney seconded to approve the budget adjustments and fund transfers as presented for the 2023/2024 Budget. Motion Carried (5-0)

The Fund transfers were approving transfers as of June 30, 2024 from the General Fund, Major Street Fund, Sewer & Water Fund(s) for the MELS Project Engineering, Rotary Park Upgrades, Water works Park Safety Surfacing Materials, Pavilion Parking Lot Striping, Nelson Tank Water Tower Inspection, BS& A Software Support and Well # 1 Pump Rehab. These were all projects or payables previously approved by Council for FY 2023/2024.

Informational Items Presented-

- August Primary- Election Commission Meeting-Monday, July 15, 2024, at 4pm
- August Primary-Public Accuracy Test- Monday, July 22, 2024, at 4pm
- General Municipal Election-Petitions for Council/Mayor due Tuesday, July 23, 2024, by 4pm
- State Primary Election- Tuesday, August 6, 2024- Polls open 7am-8pm
- Next Regular Meeting- August 13, 2024

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

No Comments

-VanCamp moved, Penney seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)
The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer