

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, September 10, 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, Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer and Sgt Cooley
Guest: Todd Crank and Chris Clabaugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2024, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for July 2024, payment of operating bills for August 2024 in the amount of \$59,125.69.

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

Communications to Council

None

OLD BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS

MELS (Michigan/East/Lynn/Strong) Project Updates

Grant Agreement signed with MEDC, and Grant Administrator has completed documents for reimbursement to City for Environmental and SHPO Review from the Grant Funds approved, these were invoiced and paid for back in 2022. Engineer met with Contractor to go over the draft contract documents and items needed for the contract to be complete for USDA to okay the closing of this loan. Hoping that this is done prior to September 30, 2024, at which time a pre-construction meeting can be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Budget Allocation

-VanCamp moved, Matz seconded to approve a \$20,000 contribution to the Reading Community Fire Department for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year.

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

This allocation is the first of the 2024/2025 budget and will leave a balance of \$15,000 of funds budgeted for this FY.

Request from RCS for use of the City’s Radio Link for WIFI at Barre Field

-Penney moved, Matz seconded that the City to allow reading Community Schools the use of the City’s radio link at no cost, as long as the WIFI to Barre Field is able to be accessed by the City and the Public at all times, but also that if at any time this causes any issues for the City’s Internet/Wireless Access and/or Communication issues, that the schools access be removed from the radio link. Motion carried (5-0)

Trick or Treat Date & Time 2024

-Matz moved, VanCamp seconded to set City of Reading Trick or Treat from 4pm-6pm on Saturday, October 26, 2024, in coordination with the Reading Chamber of Commerce Octoberfest Activities. Motion carried (5-0)

Informational Items Presented-

- Chamber Meeting- Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ 6:15pm at Pavilion (New Date & Location)
- TIFA/Planning Commission Meeting- Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- Election Commission Meeting-Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 4pm
- City Council Meeting- Tuesday, October 8, 2024 6:30 pm
- Fire Board Meeting-Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at Fire Barn
- Chamber Meeting -Saturday, October 12, 2024 8am
- Public Accuracy Test-November Election-Tuesday, October 15, 2024-4pm
- Library Board Meeting-Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 9am -Library
- Halloween-Oktoberfest Celebrated Saturday, October 26, 2024

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Concerns were shared regarding the water service line inspections being completed by HydroCorp and the information that they were gathering on behalf of the City.

-VanCamp moved, Matz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)
The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer