

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, February 11, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers**

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

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: George, Crank, Gary, Matz & Penney are present. Also present, Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer and Sgt. Cooley

Guests: Tom Beste, Simon Clabaugh, Chris Clabaugh, Melani Matthews, and Kari Rinard

Derek Bassage arrived at 6:32pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

-Matz moved, George seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

-Gary moved, Crank seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025, as well as the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for December 2025, payment of operating bills for January 2025 in the amount of 56,472.36 as well as receive and file the TIFA/PC Packet for January 27, 2025 as well as the Planning Commission Annual report for 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Crank, Gary, Matz and Penney Absent-None

Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

Communications with the Council

University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Business 2024 e-Cities- Five Star Community-in your packet is the letter and certificate from the 2024 e-Cities Program thanking us for our participation and sharing our performance report. The city was named a Five Star Honored Community. The city is one of ninety-one communities that received Five Star status, and those were benchmarked against 276 participating communities. The City of Reading was one of the communities that has had the most success numerically over the past Five Years.

First Call to Public:

It was mentioned where the public could see the agenda prior to the meeting. Also, it was asked where they could see a listing of the accounts payable that council receive as part of the consent agenda.

Councilor George wanted to know if the public could have copies of the agenda for the meetings, and he was informed that agendas are always available to the public located on the podium near the sign-in sheet for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS/ONGOING BUSINESS

MELS (Michigan/East/Lynn/Strong) Project Updates No updates currently.

Lease-Reading Community Schools -Softball Field

We are still waiting for a word from the school as to whether or not they have approved and signed the lease.

SRO-Reading Community Schools

The city has received three letters of interest and resumes for the SRO, we are reviewing the applications and references at this time. One is licensed with the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and the one is licensable, and the other I am not sure what would be needed to be licensed.

New Business

Application for two Class C Grow Licenses at 111 Enterprise Drive

-Matz moved, George seconded to approve the renewal of BCC Agriculture LLC, Class C Grow License AU-G-C-000890 & License AU-G-C-000704 for March 31, 2025-March 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Crank, Gary, Matz and Penney Absent-None

Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

-Matz moved, Gary seconded to approve the journal entry # 913 and the amended budget dated 02/11/2025 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Crank, Gary, Matz and Penney Absent-None

Nays- None. Motion Carried (5-0)

The proposed adjustments and budget amendments will be increasing revenues by \$5500 and decreasing proposed expenditure by \$12,274.

2025 March Board of Review Dates/Times (City of Reading and Reading Township) at Reading Township Hall, 2025 Assessment Notice will be going in the mail shortly, and the March Board of Review Dates will be on the notice as follows.

March 4th at 10am is the short organizational meeting for members only.

March 10th from 9am-Noon and 1-4pm

March 11th from 1-4 pm and 6-9pm All meetings will be at Reading Township Hall

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Councilor George mentioned that he felt because 4/20 falls on Easter that we should have marihuana businesses change their hours.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

There were questions regarding timetable on Polic Department and clarification on licensable and potential of City sending an officer through the academy.

- George moved, Crank seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer

