

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, July 8, 2025  
City Hall Council Chambers**

**MAYOR PENNEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M. AND LED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**ROLL CALL:** George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney present. Also present, Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer; Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Clerical Adm; and Eric Stolberg, Reading PD

Guests: Rob Cooley, Steve Nemeth, Chris Clabaugh; Josh Paladino arrived at 6:37 PM

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

**FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No Comments

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Crank moved, Matz seconded to approve the Consent agenda as presented, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025, the Special Meeting of June 24, 2025, as well as the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for May 2025, payment of operating bills for June 2025 in the amount of \$59,109.22, as well as receive and file the Library Board Minutes from May 2025 and the TIFA/PC Packet for June, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried (5-0).

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – None**

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS**

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

- Michigan Street
  - All removals have been completed
  - Water main between Chestnut and the RR has been installed and tested
  - Storm sewer is 80% complete
  - The Methodist Church's contractor is on site making connection to recently installed Michigan St storm sewer as previously planned
  - Water services are being installed. Services have been stubbed into approximately 14 properties as of July 8, 2025.
  - We are awaiting response from MDOT Rail on the submission made 06/23/25 for a permit to jack and bore
- Strong Street
  - Removals are 90% complete
  - Water main to Lincoln St has been installed and tested
  - Water main tie-in to Michigan St new main was being worked on today
  - Water main tie-in at Lincoln St will be worked on tomorrow

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- MTE has been in contact with the school superintendent
  - Reynolds Elementary 6 inch water service has been coordinated
  - Reynolds drive approaches have been coordinated
- Strong St storm sewer work will begin later this week

MTE contacted the Mead Bros office and the field superintendent on 7-8-25 about submission of pay application No. 3. MTE offered to sit down with Mead to help facilitate assembly of pay app no. 3. MTE also engaged Mead Bros regarding the schedule. Mead cited their inability to progress through the railroad ROW as an impediment to their schedule. The RR is recognized as an issue, but MTE emphasized that at a minimum Strong St must be done and open to traffic before school begins.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Street Closures**

- Gary moved, Matz seconded to approve Street Closures requested by the Reading Chamber of Commerce and the Reading Police Department for Festival Days. This would include Michigan Street, closure from noon on Friday, August 1, 2025 until the evening of Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the direction of the Reading PD, and East Silver Street, closure from M49 to Chestnut Street, on Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Motion carried (5-0).

#### **B. Temporary One-Way Traffic**

- Crank moved, Gary seconded to authorize the temporary Traffic Control Order requested by the Reading PD and the Reading Chamber of Commerce that West State Street be designated a temporary one-way street on Saturday, August 2, 2025, for the duration of the truck pulls event. Motion carried (5-0).

#### **C. Public Hearing – Vacation of Second Street**

- Matz moved, Gary and Crank seconded to approve the scheduling and publication of a public hearing for Tuesday, August 12, 2025, regarding the proposed vacation of Second Street, as legally described in the resolution and public notice. Motion carried (5-0).

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the Reading Council Chambers.

### **SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No Comments

Matz moved, George and Crank seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Clerical Adm