

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
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, and Penney present. Also present, Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer; Grace VanCamp, First Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Zoning Administrator; Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Administrator;  
Guests: Steve Nemeth and Lacey Ringman

Penney moved, Crank seconded to excuse Matz from the meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

Gary moved, Crank seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Crank moved, Gary seconded to approve the Consent agenda as presented, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2026, the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for December, 2025, payment of operating bills for January 2026 in the amount of \$80,843. 40.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – Matz. Motion carried (4-0).

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – None**

**FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- No public comment

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS**

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

- No new updates

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TIFA-City agreement 2025-2026**

- Gary moved, Crank seconded to approve the TIFA-City agreement for fiscal year 2025-2026, with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2025.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – Matz. Motion Carried (4-0).

**B. MERS Plan Benefit Adoption Agreement - Amendment**

- Crank moved, Gary seconded to amend the MERS Plan Benefit Adoption Agreement to expand eligibility criteria for plan participation to more closely align with the City's Employee Guidebook, recognizing full-time employees as those working 32-40 hours per week and including eligibility to part-time employees working between 30-32 hours per week.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – Matz. Motion Carried (4-0).

**C. Resolution 2026-03 – Reading PTO Charitable Gaming License**

- Crank moved, George seconded to approve Resolution 2026-03, recognizing the Reading PTO as a qualified local nonprofit for purposes of charitable gaming under Michigan law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – Matz. Motion Carried (4-0).

**D. 2026 Board of Review Dates and Times**

- The Board of Review for the City of Reading and Reading Township will meet at the Reading Township Hall on the following dates and times:
  - o March 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM for their organizational meeting
  - o March 9, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
  - o March 10, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**E. Appointment to the Planning Commission and TIFA Board – Term ending 12/31/2026**

- Crank moved, Gary seconded to appoint Steve L Nemeth to the Planning Commission and TIFA board to fill a vacancy with a term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried (4-0).

**F. The next Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:30 PM Council Chambers**

**SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- No public comment

Crank moved, Gary seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Clerical Adm