

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 14, 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, Matz, 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; Sgt. Cooley, RPD

Guests: K Rinard, S Nemeth, C Clabaugh, R Caruso, D Strohm, A Strohm, R Hugenell

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Matz moved, Crank seconded to approve the Consent agenda as presented, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026, the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for February 2026, payment of operating bills for March 2026 in the amount of \$123,545.84.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL** – The City received Thank-You cards from Domestic Harmony and the Hillsdale County Housing Study Committee. Council acknowledged receipt.

**FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- Chris Clabaugh asked about fire hydrants that are out of service.

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS**

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

Per MT Engineering-Midway through April, we are making good progress on our list. As of this morning, concrete removal items have been marked out, and topsoil restoration is finishing up on East St and Lynn St. For the rest of the week, Mead is planning to abandon old water services at the 8 addresses that were found to be live at the old hookup (112, 201, 202, 205, 211, 212, 221, 225). This will entail some minor excavation to the front lawns of these residences as services are located dug up, but any disturbance will be restored and seeded upon completion.

Mead anticipates the concrete crew to be on-site sometime in the next two weeks and is hopeful for pavement markings to be completed shortly thereafter. Topsoil seeding is also scheduled to be done in the coming weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 2026-04 – County National Bank funds – moving from Money Market to Insured Cash Sweep Account**
- Gary moved, Matz seconded to approve Resolution 2026-04 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried (5-0).
- B. Resolution 2026-05 – Close Money Market accounts at Flagstar, Huntington, and American 1 Credit Union and move funds from Flagstar and Huntington to Century Bank and Trust and American 1 Credit Union County National Bank**
- Gary moved, Crank seconded to approve Resolution 2026-05 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried (5-0).
- C. Resolution 2026-06 – Establishment of a fee for parking on the terrace or grass strip within the public right-of-way and approving updates to all fines set forth in appendices A and B of the City of Reading Code of Ordinances**
- Matz moved, Crank seconded to approve Resolution 2026-06 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried (5-0).
- D. Ordinance 2026-01- An Ordinance to prohibit the parking of Motor Vehicles on sidewalks, or terrace and regulate driving on sidewalks**
- Matz moved, Gary seconded to approve Ordinance 2026-01 as presented.
  - ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion Carried (5-0).
- E. Traffic Control Order (TCO) 2026-01 – No stopping/standing/parking on Lynn and East Streets to protect the public and the City’s infrastructure**
- George moved, Gary seconded to table Traffic Control Order 2026-01 to update verbiage causing concerns for council. Motion carried (5-0).
- F. Proclamation for Autism Acceptance Month**
- Crank moved, George seconded to approve the Mayor’s Proclamation recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Reading. Motion carried (5-0).
- G. 2026 Meeting Schedule – Updated to add an additional regular meeting in June for purposes of End Of Fiscal Year updates**
- Crank moved, Gary seconded to approve the amended Council Meeting Schedule as presented, adding a second meeting in the month of June on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. Motion carried (5-0).
- H. Special Election – Tuesday, May 5, 2026** Staff is preparing for the upcoming Special Election. This Special Election was called by Reading Community Schools for a Sinking Fund Millage Proposal of 1.8309 mills for five (5) years.
- I. The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM.**

**SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- Chris Clabaugh inquired as to who determined the widths of the driveway approaches in the MELS project area.
- Chris Clabaugh inquired as to where the funds from the closed accounts would go – that information is included in the Resolution.
- Councilman George asked about a resident on Walnut Street. We will review.

Matz moved, Crank seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Clerical Adm