

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers**

MAYOR PRO-TEM MATZ 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 Matz present. Penney absent. Also present, Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer; Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Administrator; Grace VanCamp, First Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Zoning Administrator.

Guests: Bryce Beller, Andy Britton, Chuck Hartshorn, Chris Clabaugh, Andy and Megan Gollnick, Val Matthews, Danny Strohm, and one other guest.

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

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

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Chris Clabaugh, S. Sand Lake Road, commented on a downtown property and inquired about a business license renewal.
- Andy Gollnick, Railroad Street commented on sidewalk maintenance and a downtown property
- Chuck George, W. Elm Street inquired about a downtown property

CONSENT AGENDA

Crank moved, Gary seconded to approve the Consent agenda as presented, which includes: approving the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2026, the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for May, 2026, payment of operating bills for June, 2026 in the amount of \$89,983.05, as well as receiving and filing the Library Board minutes for May, 2026 the TIFA Special Meeting minutes for April, 2026 and the Planning Commission Special Meeting minutes for May, 2026.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- A. TIFA Informational Meeting as part of the Regular TIFA meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27th, 2026
- B. County of Hillsdale Notice of Adoption of Ordinance 2026-01, an Ordinance to create a Planning Commission

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

- A. **Traffic Control Order 2026-01 – No Stopping, Standing, or Parking on East and Lynn Streets Committee**
 - No new updates; received clarification on availability of members, will set up a meeting

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disposal of 2013 Dodge Charger Patrol Car

- Gary moved, Crank seconded to approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to declare the 2013 Dodge Charger Patrol Vehicle as surplus property and authorize the City Manager or the Police Chief to dispose of the vehicle through sale in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan. Motion carried (4-0).

B. BRT Capital 3, LLC – DBA SMILEZ – License renewal

- Crank moved, Gary seconded to approve the renewal of the business license for BRT Capital 3, LLC d/b/a SMILEZ for the period of August 14, 2026 through August 14, 2027, based upon the recommendations of City staff and the Police Department, with the stipulation that the front of the building have the painting completed by the next council meeting, scheduled for August 11, 2026,
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas - George, Crank, Gary, and Matz; Nays - None; Absent - Penney. Motion Carried (4-0).

C. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Reading City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Reading Council Chambers.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Chuck Hartshorn of Michigan Street commented about running for council
- Chris Clabaugh commented on the lack of police presence at the meeting, two City employees resigning, inquired about a downtown property, asked how the process works to dispose of surplus city property, and commented on Chamber business
- Chuck Hartshorn commented about the Historic District

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Clerical Adm