

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 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, Matz, and Penney present. Gary absent. Also present, Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer; Melani Matthews, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer/Cemetery Administrator/Interim Zoning Administrator; Mark Hodshire, RPD Chief

Guests: Andy Britton, Chuck Hartshorn, Steve Nemeth, and Kisha Hugenell.

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

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

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC – no public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Crank moved, George seconded to approve the Consent agenda as presented, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026, the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for June, 2026, payment of operating bills for July, 2026 in the amount of \$148,528.63, as well as receive and file the Library Board minutes for June, 2026; and the Planning Commission and TIFA Meeting minutes for June, 2026.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – no communications

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Traffic Control Order 2026-01 – No Stopping, Standing, or Parking on East and Lynn Streets Committee

- The TCO will not be redone, and has expired. Council would like to make sure we keep this issue in mind when planning future street projects, so we can plan for potential street widening/parking. Penney moved, Crank seconded to table the issue indefinitely, and it does not need to remain on the agenda. Motion carried (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals

- Crank moved, George seconded to approve the recommendation of the City Manager, appointing the following people to the following terms:
 - o Steve Nemeth, as Planning Commission Rep, term expires 12-31-26
 - o Rebecca Matz, as City Council Rep, term expires 12-31-28
 - o Nancy Meade, term expires 12-31-28
 - o Robin Bartels, term expires 12-31-28

Motion carried (3-0) with Matz abstaining.

B. Milling and Grading of Martin, Maple, and S Ann streets; proposal review

- Crank moved, Matz seconded to approve the Street Administrator's recommendation to award the RFP to DryMar Trucking and Dirt Work, to pulverize/grade Martin/Maple/S. Ann Street from Michigan Street to Railroad Tracks on E. Elm and to make a budget adjustment in the amount of \$30,500 to Major Street fund contracted services for the proposed work.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas - George, Crank, Matz, and Penney; Nays - None; Absent - Gary. Motion Carried (4-0).

C. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Reading City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Reading Council Chambers. City Manager Blythe reminded everyone the 8th of September is the day after Labor Day, to make sure there won't be any scheduling conflicts. Councilmember Crank may be out of town, but will keep everyone updated.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Andy Britton of 1st Street inquired about the school release at the Elementary School and traffic pattern/concerns with school starting back up next week; council member Matz let him know there is a school board meeting on August 12th
- Chuck Hartshorn of Michigan Street commented about the Historic District and that he is running for council; also commented on the grass seeding in the MELS project area
- Kisha Hugenell of Silver Street commented about a basketball hoop on Silver Street that is too close to the street; Chief Hodshire said he will check on it tomorrow; there may be one on Lynn Street as well

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melani Matthews, Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Cemetery Clerical Adm/Interim Zoning Adm