

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 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; Melani Matthews, Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Eric Stolberg, RPD

Guests: Matt Flaughner, Mel Rentschler, KariJo Rinard, Andy Britton, Kisha Hugenell, Chris Clabaugh, Chuck Hartshorn, and Steve Nemeth

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

Mayor Penney introduced the new Superintendent, Mel Rentschler, who gave a brief introduction of himself, thanked the City for having him, and expressed a desire to work together.

Mayor Penney closed the regular meeting at 6:32 PM and opened a closeout public hearing regarding the MELS project summary.

Mayor Penney read the recap of the project, including funding sources, project accomplishments, project issues and solutions, and offered the public the opportunity to speak. Chuck Hartshorn spoke regarding issues he had, which have been resolved and an agreement has been signed and completed. Mayor Penney asked him to sit down. Chris Clabaugh asked to have the driveway issue he has brought up numerous times revisited before closing out the project. City Manager Blythe stated the engineers did remeasure the areas in question and the driveway widths were the same as they were before. Mayor Penney asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, Matz moved, George seconded to close the public information meeting and return to the council meeting. Motion carried (5-0). Public information meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Chris Clabaugh inquired about the temporary TCO that was set to expire last month and if anything else had been decided regarding parking on East and Lynn streets.
- Chuck Hartshorn asked about the entry made in the minutes of last month's meeting regarding his comments about the Historic Overlay district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Crank moved, Gary seconded to approve the Consent agenda as presented, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026, the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for July, 2026, payment of operating bills for August, 2026 in the amount of \$97,263.19, as well as receive and file the Library Board minutes for July, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Motion carried (5-0).

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – None

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-13 Approval of Privacy Policy, SMS Terms and Conditions

- Gary moved, Matz seconded to approve Resolution 2026-13. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas – George, Crank, Gary, Matz, and Penney; Nays – None; Motion Carried (5-0).

B. Halloween Trick or Treat

- Crank moved, Matz seconded to approve setting the Trick or Treat hours for the City of Reading to be from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 31, 2026. Motion Carried (5-0).

C. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Reading City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Reading Council Chambers.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Chris Clabaugh asked about the Treasurer's report, it was included and briefly discussed.
- Chris Clabaugh asked when Chamber meetings are held. Second Saturday, odd numbered months, 8:00 AM, Council chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melani Matthews, Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer