

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021
REMOTE ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE
ZOOM MEETING #8928756160**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR MATTHEWS AT 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Matthews, Penney, George. Matz
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer,
Rob Cooley, Reading Police, Phil Rigden, Bob Jepson, Larry & Sheryl Daglow.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2020. Treasurer is Report & Financial Statements for November and payment of operating bills for \$112,480.58 and the TIFA Board packet for December 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, and Matz Nays- None Motion Carried (4-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

-Mayor Matthews introduced Phil Rigden to Council; Mr. Rigden stated his interest in wanting to be involved more in the community and currently is on the Chamber of Commerce an employee for Reading Community Schools and has submitted a letter of interest and application for appointment to the City Council Vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS/Ongoing Business:

-George moved, Penney seconded to begin cleanup and removal of all junk and junk vehicles in the yard, as well as installation of necessary drainage for the removal of standing water in the rear yard, all at 205 Lynn Street, per the resolution adopted August 11, 2020 by City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, and Matz Nays- None Motion Carried (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

-Penney moved, George seconded to approve Resolution 2021-01 MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies to authorize City Employees to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for necessary permit work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the City.

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-02 the annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Matz; Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, George seconded to approve the 2021 meeting schedule as presented. Motion Carried (4-0)
Penney stated that he would not be available for the July or the September 2021 meetings.

-Penney moved, George seconded to approve the purchase of 2017 Polaris Ranger 570 Crew Cab from Robert Jepson for \$9,000.00. Mayor Matthews has done research in regards to this purchase.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Matthews, Penney, Matz; Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to appoint Phil Rigden to City Council to fill the vacancy that will end when he or his successor is elected at the November 2022 Election. Motion Carried (4-0)

-Matz moved, Penney seconded to appoint Lacey George to the Planning Commission Board to the term ending on December 31, 2021. Motion Carried (4-0)

-Penney moved, George seconded to give BCC Agriculture a six-month extension up to June 11, 2021 for their Conditional Authorization of a Medical Marihuana Class C Grow License to be located at 111 Enterprise Drive. Motion Carried (4-0)

-Matz moved, Matthews seconded to give JABBS, LLC a six-month extension up to June 11, 2021 for their Conditional Authorization of a Medical Marihuana Grow Facility to be located on Enterprise Drive. Motion Carried (4-0)

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

-Mayor Matthews informed Council of a conversation with Mark Wiley, Chairperson of the Hillsdale County Commissioners, that county offices will be opening to the public as of January 19, 2021 and that as of February 1, 2021 there will be no more screening at the courthouse.

-Next meeting will be Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

-Penney moved, George seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (4-0)
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer