

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING, MI

May 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by chair Betty Blount. The meeting was held remotely using Zoom. Members present Betty Blount, Warren Bartels, Chad Penney, Chuck Hartshorn, Rebecca Matz, Lacy George, and Derek Bassage. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Ben Wheeler and Kym Blythe. Chad made a motion, seconded by Lacy, to approve the April minutes. Motion carried 7-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: The Capital Improvement Plan, Attachment 2, will be voted on in the June meeting. If approved, the Plan will take effect July 2021. Kym shared that it is a 5-year plan, to be reviewed every year, with a new year's plan added at the end keeping it continually a 5-year plan. Every year has to be adopted, with each new year added on. Chad noted in review that a sidewalk date needs attention, in the 2022 year, with a budget added. Other items of note are 10 water service lines per year for the next 20 years will be replaced and Michigan Street upgrades are scheduled next at approximately 1 ½ million dollars. The city still owes some on the Chestnut Street project. A limited amount of money can be borrowed for these, the rate dependent upon the city's SEV, so financing is still an issue. Water lines needing replacement and parking issues were discussed. Policy and signage could affect parking issues. Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to set a Public Hearing for the Capital Improvement Plan for the June 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: Master Plan Adoption process, Attachment 3, was highlighted with Ben sharing that it is still within the Review period with a Public Hearing being scheduled for the June 7, 2021 meeting also. Kym said that no changes have been brought to her attention in the last month. Betty inquired whether there should be more mention of the school system within the document, but it was noted that they are a separate entity from the city with their own plans. Review the Master Pan proposal if you still need to do that.

PERMITS: none.

OTHER COMMENTS: none.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Rebecca, to adjourn at 8:12. Motion carried 7-0.