

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY May 11, 2021
REMOTE ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE
ZOOM MEETING #8928756160**

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

ROLL CALL: Matthews, Penney, Matz, Rigden and George
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer.
GUESTS: Becky Pavka

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

-Matz moved, George seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021, Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements for March 2021 and payment of operating bills for April 2021 in the amount of \$99,510.38.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Penney, Matz, Matthews, Rigden. Nays- None Motion Carried (5-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

-Becky Pavka at 107 N. Union, voiced concerns over Provisioning Centers. Parking is a concern, also she states that people are smoking product in parking areas. Garbage has increased and that is a concern. Councilman Penney and Mayor Matthews addressed these issues

-Councilman George had concerns regarding parking in the downtown. City Manager Blythe informed Council that the City is considering signage showing more parking that is available in our downtown and possibly some parking parameters. The City is also looking to invest in more camera coverage in our downtown.

OLD BUSINESS/Ongoing Business:

-205 Lynn St has been mowed several times this year by the DPW and there has not been any signs of standing water AND drainage issues at this property, which was a concern in the past.

-May 22, 2021 will be our City Wide Spring Clean Up. Nothing to be out before May 19 and heavy bulky furniture or mattresses to not go out until May 21.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Penney moved, Rigden seconded that the council approve the contract with Domestic Harmony for 2021 in the amount of \$250.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Penney, Matz, Matthews, Rigden. Nays- None Motion Carried (5-0)

-Penney moved, Matz seconded to approve a \$10,000 contribution to the Reading Community Fire Department for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Penney, Matz, Matthews, Rigden. Nays- None Motion Carried (5-0)

-Rigden moved, Penney seconded to accept the proposal for the financial audit services for year ending June 30, 2021 – 2023 from Gabridge & Co.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas- George, Penney, Matz, Matthews, Rigden. Nays- None Motion Carried (5-0)

The City received two proposals for the City's Audits for FY End 2021, 2022 & 2023. The first of the two was from Willis & Jurasek in the amounts of \$10,300, \$10,600 and \$10,900 and the second of the two was from Gabridge & Co., in the amounts of \$7800, \$8000 and \$8,200 (Not to Exceed).

-Penney moved, George seconded to table MRTMA Application-Frankfort Green, LLC-Class C Grow until June meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Frankfort Green, LLC will need an additional Special Use Permit from the Planning Commission and it requires a 15 day notice to be published, so the Planning Commission will hold a hearing at their June 7th meeting.

-Penney moved, Matz seconded that Council set the 2021/2022 Budget Hearing as part of the regular meeting on June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Motion Carried (5-0)

The Budget Hearing will include the approval of the City's 2021 Tax Millage Rate, 2021/2022 Water, Sewer & Refuse Rates, as well as Cemetery Rates and Miscellaneous Charges.

-Matthews moved, Penney seconded proclaiming June Scleroderma Awareness Month in the City of Reading. Motion Carried (5-0)

FUTURE BUSINESS:

- 2021/2022 Budget, 2021 Tax Millage & Rate Schedules
- 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Plan
- 2020/2021 Budget Adjustments – Fund Transfer
- MDOT – Resolution Street Administrator
- Review – State of Emergency Resolution

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

-Councilman George inquired about grow facilities. How many were allowed in the City (no cap on facilities) and the plant limits allowed at grow facilities (pertains to license).

-Next meeting will be Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and will be both In-person and ZOOM.

-Matz moved, George seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl King, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer