

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012  
READING CITY HALL**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs were present. Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer and Karleen Marsh, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were also present.

**GUESTS:** See attached list.

**PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to approve with corrections, the minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting. Carried 5/0

Corrections for March 13, 2012 meeting minutes: The support for the motion excusing Briggs absence was Cook not Wheeler and Motion in regards to Mary Joe Pattie's appointment was to the Planning Commission.

**Approval of Financial Statements:**

Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial statements as presented. Carried 5/0

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to pay the Operating bills in the amount of \$45,395.24. Carried 5/0

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Briggs moved Wheeler seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried 5-0

Mayor Donihue introduced Marney Kast, Hillsdale County Clerk, who is running for reelection in November. She high lighted her qualifications and accomplishments as the County Clerk.

**CALL TO PUBLIC**

Betty Blount reported that the Chamber is checking many different ways for the Community to celebrate the big 50 year anniversary of festival days. Some of the ideas being considered are fireworks and amusement rides. Betty also is checking into getting banners to put at each city limits on 49. Bonnie Thompson reported the parade is hoped to be one of the biggest the City has ever had.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The problem of stray cats was discussed. Council felt that more publicity needed to be given on the need to be responsible for your own cats as far as keeping them home and neutered. Also discussed was the need for that dog walkers need to take waste bags and clean-up after their own dogs when walking them. May look into new ordinance to make this more effective.

Briggs moved and Wheeler seconded to authorize Resolution 1-2012 authorizing Consumers Energy Company to make the changes as noted in Exhibit A of Authorization for change in standard lighting contract.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs

Nays: 0

Cook moved and Briggs seconded to appoint Betty Blount to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term of 01/01/2011-12/31/2013.

Carried 5/0

Briggs moved and Wheeler seconded to purchase trash receptacles and benches for Waterworks and Rotary Park from Midwest Recreations for an amount not to exceed \$3500.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs

Nays: 0

Everett moved and Briggs seconded to approve the budget adjustments and amended salary schedule in the memo dated April 9, 2012.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs

Nays: 0

Spring Cleanup will be on May 19, 2012. The City has contracted with Allied (Republic) Waste Service for curb side pickup. Residents will have one week and no later than 7:00 AM Saturday to place items out for pickup. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is on the City Website and at City Hall.

Wheeler moved and Everett seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is May 8, 2012 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,

L Karleen Marsh  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer