

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
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 was also present.

GUESTS: Please see attached list

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Wheeler moved, Cook seconded to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting and the April 8, 2014 Closed Meeting Minutes. Carried (5-0)

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

-Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as presented. Carried (5-0)

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS:

-Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$223,756.39 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the Library Board report which was not included. Carried (5-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

Guest: Jeff Jacques announced that he will be running for 58th District State Representative this year and shared information with Council about his qualifications, activities etc., and handed out cards in regards to his candidacy.

Guest: Neal Brady announced that he will be running for District Court Judge and shared information with Council and guests about his qualifications.

Guest: Mark Wiley, County Commissioner gave an update on the County. He had stated that the County is continuing to move forward with the purchase of the Hillsdale Daily News building to relocate some of the offices/services from the Courthouse to that building and move District Court from the Courthouse Annex to the Court House. He also talked about an agreement reached by the Commissioners that 911 will take over the Medical Dispatch beginning in January 2015. He stated that the County Commissioners approved to increase the E911 surcharge an additional 32 cents to help offset the costs. Mr. Wiley also stated that he will be seeking re-election this year for District 3, County Commissioner.

Guest: Sara Lisznyai, was in attendance to share that she will be running for District Court Judge for Hillsdale County. Sara shared information with Council about her qualifications, activities etc., and handed out cards in regards to her candidacy.

Guest: Rochelle Ray announced that she is a candidate for 58th District House of Representatives. Rochelle shared information about her qualifications and handed out additional information in regards to her campaign.

Guest: Betty Blount spoke about visiting and welcoming Crop Production Services, Inc., to Reading. She also spoke about the 2014 Tuesday night Car Cruise In the possibility of an Antique Tractor Show for the 2014 Festival Days Activities and also shared that the Reading Chamber is looking to possibly take over the Hosting of the Hillsdale County Chamber Craft Show in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Clean-Up-2014 Reminder A reminder to residents that curb side spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 17th and residents will have all this week, but no later than 7:00 AM Saturday, May 17th to haul their items to the curb.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to declare May 15th, 16th and 17th as "Poppy Days" for the American Legion Auxiliary. Carried (5-0)

-Donihue moved, Everett seconded to set the Budget hearing as part of the Regular Meeting, June 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Carried (5-0)

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to authorize the Reading Chamber to close off the East Downtown Parking Lot from 5pm-8pm on Tuesday nights between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2014 for a Car Cruise-In. Carried (5-0)

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to authorize up to \$4000 for the purchase of 3 New Laptop Computers for the DPW and City Hall.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays: 0

-Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to hire MTEngineering, LLC to provide design services for the City's Sidewalk Improvement Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays: 0

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to adopt the Payroll Direct Deposit Policy, requiring mandatory direct deposit of payroll, beginning September 1, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays: 0

MDOT –Rail Crossing Closure Contract- Maple Street Crossing; Council was presented with a contract from MDOT in regards to Railroad Crossing Closure at Maple Street. We are currently still waiting on confirmation and a Resolution from the City Attorney in regards to authorizing the signing of said contract.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Betty Blount shared with Council concerns about burning and the noxious odors related to it.

ONGOING BUSINESS

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to go into Closed Session for continued discussion on the possible acquisition of property located in the City of Reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays: 0

Went into Closed Session at 7:20pm

Returned to Regular Session at 7:30pm

Wheeler moved, Donihue seconded to hire an appraisal on the property as discussed in closed session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT:

-Everett moved, Donihue seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried (5-0)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer