

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 8, 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: Bonnie Thompson and Mark Wiley

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 regular meeting. Carried (5-0)

Review and Approval of Financial Statements:

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

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS:

-Wheeler moved and Briggs seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$88,804.23 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried (5-0)

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:

Mark Wiley, Chair Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners attended to give a brief update on what is happening on the County level. He stated that the County closed on the purchase of the former Hillsdale Daily News Building and they have an offer on the building that is currently the Courthouse Annex. If everything progresses on the sale of the annex building then they will need to begin renovation on the building they recently purchased.

Bonnie Thompson would like to put up 100 small US flags along Main Street/Michigan Street during Memorial Weekend, Flag Day, July 4th, Festival days, Election Days, Labor Day Weekend, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Manager updated Council on the Maple Street Railroad Crossing closure. The DPW put up concrete barricades on both sides of the crossing and will be installing a few more to complete the closure. We have received the executed contract from the Michigan Department of Transportation and once they inspect and approve the closure we should receive our incentive money.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to approve the closing of Michigan Street from Main to Strong Street and Chestnut Street from Michigan to Cherry on Saturday, August 2nd from 7am to Midnight and the closing of E. Lincoln Street from Main to Strong Street on Sunday, August 3, 2014 from 11am-8pm. Carried (5-0)

-Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to authorize that West State Street be a temporary One Way Street on Friday, August 1, 2014. Carried (5-0)

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to accept the proposal from Civil Engineers, Inc., to complete a Water Reliability Study, in the amount of \$7,761, as required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue & Briggs Nays-0

-Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Proposal from Dixon Engineering, in the amount of \$2,250, to perform a comprehensive evaluation of the City's 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue & Briggs Nays-0

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with CHBW & Co., P.C. and approve the fee in the amount of \$6800 to complete the 2013/2014 Audit.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue & Briggs Nays-0

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to accept the project proposal from MT Engineering, pending attorney's approval, for design services as part of the Chestnut Street Reconstruction project.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue & Briggs Nays-0

2014 Election Training & Public Accuracy Test:

Election Inspectors are due to go to training on July 22nd and the Public Accuracy Test has been set for Wednesday, July 16th at 9am. Also, the Election Commission met immediately following the tonight's Council Meeting night to appoint Election Inspectors and officially set the date for the Public Accuracy Test as well as authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to take the necessary steps to conduct the State Wide Primary Election on Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

Council and guests were reminded that there will be a State Wide Primary Election on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. Absent Voter Ballots are available for those who are qualified to receive one.

Council and guests were informed of a Joint Public Hearing/Meeting of the Reading Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals in regards to application(s) made by Reading Community Schools is currently working to make improvements to the bus parking/garage

property located on Maple/East Street. The proposal includes plans to extend the parking lot to the north on the empty lot owned by the school as well as replace the chain link fence around the property.

-Donihue moved Wheeler seconded to approve the agreement with G & L Welding and Fabrication to repair and strengthen the rim, on the John Deere Tractor, to stop it from cracking. G & L Welding and Fabrication will do this for free plus \$500 to the City in exchange for the 1987 Chevrolet Bucket Truck.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue & Briggs Nays-0

Second Call to Public

No Comments

Next Regular Meeting will be August 12, 2014

-Wheeler moved, Donihue seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5-0)
Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager-Clerk/Treasurer