

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
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 Tom Thompson, City Attorney were also present.

GUESTS: Chuck Hartshorn, Officer Cooley, Chief Stolberg and Linda McLain, Code Enforcement

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015. Carried (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for September. Carried (5-0)

PAYMENT OF OPERATING BILLS:

-Cook moved, Briggs seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$51,246.48 drawn from the proper accounts. Carried (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC

Chuck Hartshorn was present to discuss concerns in regards to a trampoline belonging to a neighbor located very close to his fence and concerns if someone were to fall off the trampoline and land on the fence. He wanted to know if there were any type of ordinances that the City could adopt regulating residential playground equipment. He also wanted to thank the Police Department and the Fire Department for participating in the Reynolds Elementary School Kindergarten Community Helper Day at the Reading Fire Barn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Trick or Treat will be from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Pumpkin Glow will be at 6:00pm. Costume judging prior to the Parade, Parade at 7:00pm followed by cider and donuts at the Fire Barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Wheeler moved Everett seconded to adopt resolution 6-2015, A Resolution determining that: the structure situated on the property located at 107 W. Cherry Street within the City of Reading, Michigan is an unsafe and dangerous structure and a public nuisance in violation of Sections 91.085 and 91.086 of the Reading City Code; condemning the residential structure situated on the property; and ordering the abatement of the public nuisance created by the dangerous structure pursuant to Sections 91.087 and 91.088 of the Reading City Code.

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

-Everett moved, Donihue seconded to adopt resolution 7-2015, A Resolution determining that: the structure situated on the property located at 610 S. Main Street within the City of Reading, Michigan is an unsafe and dangerous structure and a public nuisance in violation of Sections 91.085 and 91.086 of the Reading City Code; condemning the residential structure situated on the property; and ordering the abatement of the public nuisance created by the dangerous structure pursuant to Sections 91.087 and 91.088 of the Reading City Code.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- 0

Resolutions 6-2015 & 7-2015 are condemning the residential structure(s) located at 107 W. Cherry Street and 610 S. Main Street as a dangerous structure(s) and a public nuisance. Notice will be sent to the owner(s) of said properties that they will have sixty (60) days to complete the work required to bring the structure(s) into compliance and will have fifteen (15) days from the date of Notice to begin the work, or else the City may enter onto the property and cause the work to be completed with the cost thereof to be assessed against the property.

-Briggs moved, Everett seconded to approve application and certification for payment No. 3 to Parrish Excavating, Inc., for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$226,524.42. Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- 0

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to approve the request to hire Parrish Excavating to replace 267ft of bad storm drain on the east side of East Street in the amount of \$8,849.60. Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- 0

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to approve to purchase a new one way plow from Root Spring Scraper Co., for the 2001 International Dump Truck in the amount of \$5,481. Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- 0

-Donihue moved, Cook seconded to purchase a new Aluminum Dump Bed for the 2008 Ford from Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equipment, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$10,285. This amount includes the purchase of an aluminum dump bed, installation, blasting and painting of frames & hitch plate gloss black.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs Nays- 0

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

Chuck Hartshorn would like to see a program that would be initiated by an organization and could possibly utilize High School Students who would like to volunteer for community service to help Senior Citizens upgrade their homes by painting the exteriors, etc.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried (5-0)
Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer