

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 8, 2019  
READING CITY HALL**

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

**ROLL CALL:** George, Wheeler and Matthews

Briggs Absent (Excused)

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer also present

**GUESTS:** Bob Jepson, Chuck Hartshorn, Chad Penney, Chris Clabaugh, Emma Everett, Crystal Stoner, Alex Ditton and Carl & Linda McLain

**PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE**

**Approval of Minutes**

-Wheeler moved, Matthews seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018. Motion Carried (3-0)

**Approval of Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements**

-Wheeler moved, Matthews seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements for December. Motion Carried (3-0)

**Payment of Operating Bills**

-Wheeler moved, George seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$61,584.38 drawn from the proper accounts. Motion Carried (3-0)

**Consent Agenda**

Wheeler moved, George seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried (3-0)

**Guest: Jason Wade- CHBW & Co., -Presented the 2017/2018 Audit**

Mr. Wade explained why an audit was necessary as well as the objectives of an audit. Financial Highlights included that the General Fund Balance Increased by \$35,886, and that the remaining balance of \$632,799 would cover approximately 2 years of operating expenses. He also went on to state that the Major and Local Street Fund Balance also increased.

He also stated that the Sewer Fund had a net loss of \$81,739, and the Water Fund had a net loss of \$17,264 both due to interest and debt expense on USDA Loan(s), transfers out and a net operating loss of expenditures/revenues. He stated that the Fund Balance for TIFA increased by \$5,244.

**FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:**

No Comment

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council was updated on the Planning Commission Meeting from January 7, 2019 in regards to the approval of a Special Use for the Happiest Camper, LLC for a Medical Marihuana Dispensary to be located at 112 S. Main Street. There was also discussion on adult use (recreational) marihuana and the City Council is waiting on an ordinance that will be written and recommended by the City Attorney, prior to any action, on the new law in regards to adult use marihuana.

-Wheeler moved, Matthews seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-01 MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies to authorize City Employees to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for necessary permit work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- George, Wheeler & Matthews; Nays- None; Absent- Briggs

-George moved, Matthews seconded to adopt the 2019 Meeting Schedule. Motion Carried (3-0)

-George moved, Matthews seconded to approve the 2017/2018 Audit as presented.

Motion Carried (3-0)

-George moved, Wheeler seconded to appoint Charles Hartshorn to the term expiring on June 30, 2019 and Chad Penney to the term expiring on June 30, 2020 on the Reading Tax Increment Finance Authority Board. Motion Carried (3-0)

-Matthews moved, Wheeler seconded to appoint Chad Penney to the vacancy on City Council for the remainder of the term that will expire January 1, 2021. Motion Carried (3-0)

-George moved, Matthews seconded to accept the resignation of Albert Wheeler, with regret, from the City Council to be effective as January 9, 2019. Motion Carried (3-0)

#### **SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:**

Linda McLain was present and stated that she would like Council to not allow Recreational Marihuana in the City of Reading. Also, there was discussion in regards to Golf Carts.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

-Matthews moved, Wheeler seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried (3-0)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer