

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2020 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Cris Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Nesbitt led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Gertz, Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Lindeman, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco.

Other City Officials Present:

President of Council Cris Nesbitt, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Brian Collins (145 Eagleview Way) – Poles at the School. What is the process to enforce the poles coming down at the School? Answer: President of Council, Cris Nesbitt: It's in the lawyers' hands now. Law Director, Dave Stevenson: It's a zoning violation for them to be up but for us to force them to take them down we have to take them to court. If they refuse to take them down we will have to do something civilly.

James Shelton (302 E Benson St) – Economic Development Director about the questions we asked from the Master Plan. Answer: President of Council, Cris Nesbitt: We will be receiving a report next week.

Justin Feldman (1415 Market St) – (1) Noticed that on Vorhees to the Library and there are railroad ties that are completely decayed. (2) Curb by the Library – suggests installing metal rods that are bolted into the ground with an orange cone. (3) Agrees with Mr. Gertz that we should have a cost breakdown on the Stadium issue. Answer: Council At Large, Katie Eadicicco: Cost estimate to repair would be 3 Million. The school's intention is to eventually purchase the Stadium.

READING OF ORDINANCES

(1) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2020 FOR THE CITY OF READING PARKS, PROGRAMS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Third Reading)

Motion made by Mr. Fischesser, seconded by Mr. Lynd to adopt the ordinance. Motion passed by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Gertz voting "no").

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WITH RESPECT TO FIELD USAGE.

Motion made by Mr. Fischesser, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to suspend the second and third reading. Motion failed by a 5-2 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco voting "yes" and Mr. Gertz and Mr. Lindeman voting "no"). Motion was declared a first reading only.

OTHER BUSINESS

Law Director, Dave Stevenson: Gave his annual report to Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

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Mr. Gertz: Mr. Gertz's is of the opinion that with this contract that we are losing \$10,000. He questions who determines the proposed 3% increase is fair? Who decides that? The School? Answer from Mrs. Eadicco: 3% increase was due to cost of living and increasing costs of materials. Mr. Gertz thinks we need a real evaluation to see what we have as an asset and see what needs to be done to put it in proper shape – if it's as bad as has been reported, we shouldn't be leasing to anyone. Mr. Gertz believes there are some ambiguities within the lease that need to be clarified.

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Gertz: Why was the last contract ask for 42 months? Mr. Gertz Answer: The School requested it due to the construction of the school. Mr. Powell's response: Believes it's their intention to renew this for the next 3 years until the new Sports Complex at Hilltop is ready.

Mr. Albrinck – Since Mr. Ashbrock is no longer on Council we now need to select/nominate/elect/appoint for the CIC (Community Improvement Corporation). Motion made by Mr. Lindeman, seconded by Mr. Albrinck to nominate Mr. Powell, Motion passed by 6-1-0 roll call vote (Mr. Powell abstaining).

x Carla Kacher
CARLA D. KACHER
Clerk of Council

x Cris Nesbitt
CRIS NESBITT
President of Council