

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
MAY 05, 2020 - 7:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. Nesbitt led those in attendance in a prayer and 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:

Law Director Dave Stevenson, Treasurer Mel Gertz, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Anthony Gertz

- Stadium fund \$111,000.00 anticipate transferring into the General Fund. We have been having bi-weekly meetings to discuss securing funds if needed. It is Mr. Gertz's thought that we should move funds into the General fund before incurring any debt. Secure financing. We recently received a check from the Workman's Compensation that will help.
- FEMA Fund has money that goes in there from grants. Believes we need to set up a separate method. Would like to discuss this at the next Committee Meeting.
- Did borrow a substantial amount of money in the streets and curbs fund for road work up at the new school.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Don Lindeman

- 2019 ended with 388 tons (8.44%) of recycling. This resulted in a check to the City for \$3,720.07832 curbside recycling. Mr. Lindeman would like to see 1,000 curbside recycling by the end of 2020.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- Door Store newspaper flyers have been delivered by car to residents driveways and rain and such then carry them to the sewers. Is there a law against this? Mrs. Eadicicco will look into this.

LAWS AND CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- No Report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Randy Fischesser

Earlier this week I was able to meet with Chief Edens. Besides offering my committee's support and assistance. We were able to review the department's capital expenses and a few other concerns. He has not heard from Ford regarding a timeframe for the delivery of the cruisers. He did advise that they are definitely in need of these vehicles as soon as possible. Currently, they have no backup vehicles which means they have to take someone off the road any time there is a repair needed. The oldest cruisers are also starting to show extended wear and tear such as coolant leaks. As soon as we get word on a delivery date I will prepare the ordinance to have the units changed over and lettered.

Administration and the Police Department are working on resuming court sessions within the next couple of weeks if all the logistics can be worked out. The sessions will probably be held at the fieldhouse. Possibly Dave Stevenson will have more to add about this in his report.

The Fire Department is wrapping up the servicing of hydrants around the city. Remember that if your water becomes cloudy, run cold water in the tub or shower until it clears. I will be sending out two ordinances within the next week for two planned capital purchases out of the Fire/EMS Capital Fund. The first is for the Lucas Chest Compression Device that applies a more consistent CPR compression, is safer for personnel during transport, and frees up a member to perform other tasks on the scene of a cardiac arrest. Estimated cost is \$12,000.00. The other is \$8,500 for MDC equipment that will replace obsolete 800mhz equipment that will be going off line the end of June. This is actually less than expected by about \$3500.

Jenny Morgan has scheduled a community blood drive for Thursday, May 21st at the Reading Community School in the cafeteria. Times are 1:00-2:45 pm and then from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. To schedule an appointment, call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. Appointments are encouraged.

SERVICE: Dennis Albrinck

- Reminded residents not to place grass clippings in the curb or in the road.

RECREATION: Tom Lynd

- Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place we decided to temporarily hold off on pool sign-ups. If possible we will try to open later in the Summer. No specific date scheduled at this time.
- Police have been called to the football field due to folks gathering/working-out in large groups. You can be fined.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

MAYOR: Robert “Bo” Bemmes

- No Report (Absent)

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross

- No Report (Absent)

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson

- Re-open Mayors court on May 19. Start with traffic and criminal arraignments. Tax cases will come later in June. Plan is to hold them down at Haffey Field House. We plan to have extra court dates in June and July. These dates will be listed on the website.

TREASURER: Mel Gertz

- April Financial Update: \$2,602,672.00 (14.3 % down from of 2019). Hope that we will be able to make up the shortage by the extended tax filing date of July 15.

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith

- We're watching expenditures daily and continuing to monitor income and expenses and see what the needs will be going forward. Working with all departments to do this.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS – None.

READING OF ORDINANCES

(1) AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE EMPLOYMENT OF DEARDORFF APPRAISAL SERVICE TO CONDUCT AN APPROPRIATE APPRAISAL FOR THE CITY OF READING VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM LOCATED IN THE CITY OF READING, AND FURTHER TO EMPLOY JOSEPH W. ALIG, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH TITLE EXAMINATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST STREET IN THE CITY OF READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Third Reading)

Motion made by Mr. Gertz, seconded by Mr. Lindeman to adopt the ordinance. Motion failed by a 1-6 roll call vote (Mr. Gertz voting “Yes;” Mr. Powell, Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “No”)

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Smith – (1) Farmer's Market May, 29 from 4-7 at Vine and Reading (2) Blood Drive call me at 513-733-4879 if you have any problems getting signed up May 21 from 1-7p.m. at Reading High School.

Mrs. Eadicicco – Is there anything we can do about vacant properties. Mr. Gertz response – there are procedures in which these properties can be taken down. Mr. Lindeman response– speak with Todd Owens – the process is lengthy (3 years?) but they can be condemned and torn down.

Mr. Gertz – Since court will be picking back up he would like to see Council to resume back in Council Chambers.

Mr. Lindeman – Memorial Day parade, VYO Festival cancelled. Mrs. Eadicicco - T-shirts being sold on Facebook for VYO fundraising.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:23 pm.

X Carla Kacher

CARLA KACHER
Clerk of Council

X Cris Nesbitt

CRIS NESBITT
President of Council