

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JULY 07, 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 & Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion made by Mr. Nesbitt to excuse Mr. Fischesser. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Anthony Gertz

- Budget submitted to the County so the Budget can review it. First reading tonight. Public Hearing in 2 weeks.
- Primary concern is to meet Payroll.
- Has asked the Safety Service Director to provide him with the amounts of different grants that have gone into the FEMA fund. What are the grants that have come in in the past year and a half and which funds they've gone into? Mr. Gertz would like to establish another fund for grant monies to go into.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Don Lindeman

- Emmett Cotler - Riesenberglane project (Bench project) is on schedule (starts Monday, July 13). Dennis Albrinck reported that 1100 truckloads of dirt is being delivered to the Service Department.
- Few kinks with the new Water Meters but those are getting worked out. Everything else has been working great.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- Amberley Village Planning Commission and Board of Zoning appeals is meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. They will be discussing the proposed animal hospital/pet boarding facility on the North Site which is being proposed for behind the residences on the South side of Maple Drive in the 700 block.

LAWS AND CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- The school board voted late week on July 1st to approve the contract for stadium and field usage. They approved the contract as is, so Patrick can now move forward with signatures.
- Mr. Gertz inquired about the remaining \$950,000 loan the School Board still has. Mrs. Eadicicco confirmed that they are planning to use the money for an Athletic Complex at Hilltop and that is an accepted use.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Randy Fischesser

- No Report (Absent)

SERVICE: Dennis Albrinck

- Highly recommends the Administration hire 2 new Service Department members to replace the two individuals that were recently lost. We currently only have 1 mechanic on staff and he is on vacation. Steve Greiner and Ricky Huneck recently came back from retirement to offer their assistance with fixing an outrigger on the backhoe.

RECREATION: Tom Lynd

- The pool has been going great. Attendance has been good.
- Gave further insight into the two ordinances on the floor regarding purchasing a mower and drinking fountains for the parks. Mr. Lindeman had some questions in which Mr. Lynd addressed. Mr. Gertz asked why the price of the mower increased

from \$10,000 to \$16,000. Mr. Lynd responded that 2 different mowers were presented and the parks decided to go with the more expensive one since it is the same model as the older one. This way they can use parts from the older mower if needed. Mr. Gertz also stated that he would like to find money to go into security systems in order to help keep the parks more secure.

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

- No Report

TREASURER: Mel Gertz

- June Financial Update: \$3,706,816.00 (13.1% short from last year's numbers at this time).

- July 15 is the established tax deadline for 2019. He is hopeful we'll make up the difference by then. 513-733-0300 tax department.

Strongly encourages people to complete their taxes on time and will do whatever they can to assist you with the filing.

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith

- No Report (Absent)

READING OF RESOLUTIONS – None.

READING OF ORDINANCES

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER \$28,000 FROM THE STADIUM FUND (#240.245.599000) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#340.300.443500) FOR PURCHASING A TURF TIGER LAWN MOWER AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS FOR READING CITY PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Lynd, seconded by Mr. Lindeman to suspend the rule requiring a second and third reading. Motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Lindeman, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance. Motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A TURF TIGER LAWN MOWER AND THREE (3) DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Lynd to suspend the rule requiring a second and third reading. Motion failed by a 5-1 roll call vote (Mr. Gertz voting "No.")

(3) THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND IS HEAREBY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMISSION (FIRST READING ONLY)

This was declared a first reading only.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Powell – Received a complaint from a resident about speeding issues on Maple Drive. Mr. Powell plans to speak to the Administration about finding traffic calming solutions to slow traffic down for the Thurnridge Project.

Mr. Lindeman – Please support VYO & American Legion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:40 pm.

X Carla Kacher

CARLA KACHER
Clerk of Council

X Cris Nesbitt

CRIS NESBITT
President of Council