

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 06, 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. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco.

Motion made by Mr. Nesbitt to excuse Mr. Albrinck and Mr. Lindeman. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

SCHEDULED GUEST SPEAKERS –

Josh Sempsrott from ICRC discussed the Reading Doughboy documentary. Will play on ICRC on Saturday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Anthony Gertz

- Clarified that anything over \$5,000 being spent out of any fund Council is to be told what it was being spent on.
- Would like to see the Safety Service Director follow along with the rules of Communication
- Would like Council to get back into Chambers

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Don Lindeman

- No Report (Absent)

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- Committee Meeting on Monday, October 19 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers to go over the Zoning changes.

LAWS AND CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- We didn't have time for a discussion after my last report during the September 15th meeting. I wanted to make sure that everyone received a copy of the document I sent out regarding the poles that the Chief of Public Works signed off on.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Randy Fischesser

Police:

For the month of September, they had 1223 calls for service, 51 auto accidents, 206 total charges filed with 142 being original charges. Citation issued: 29 to Arlington Heights, 4 to Hamilton County Court, 3 to Juvenile Court, and 180 to Reading's Mayors Court for a total of 216 citations.

In operations for the past two weeks, they are investigating two new thefts, two disorderly conduct after overdosing, deescalated a situation with an armed suicidal subject and transported him to UC for help, and the recovery of drugs and a loaded firearm during a routine traffic stop.

The new cruisers are in and are awaiting striping and equipment install.

Congratulations to Officer Chesney and his wife Robin on the birth of their baby boy.

Fire:

For the month of September, they had 185 EMS runs, 31 Fire (7 all-call) responses for a total of 216 calls.

Other:

Finally, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The American Cancer Society encourages all women to perform self exams on a monthly basis and women over 40 to have a mammogram annually. Early detection is the key to overcoming the devastation of breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%.

SERVICE: Dennis Albrinck

- No Report (Absent)

RECREATION: Tom Lynd

- Halloween is a go in Reading from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Those who do not feel safe should not give out candy or participate.

I want to also encourage VYO to use ICRC to film the Youth Basketball games. I was told only 2 parents per kid will be able to watch VYO games. I know the youth basketball games bring in a lot of family and I would like to keep the extended family engaged in the basketball games. I strongly encourage VYO to contact ICRC.

NEW BUSINESS -

Tony Gertz - Would like an update on the next CDGB plans.

Would like Administration to explain ordinances more as opposed to just submitting them for a vote

Would like an update on the school's plans for the Central School property.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS**MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes**

- No Report (Absent)

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross

- No Report (Absent)

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson

- Public meeting for the Planning Commission went in the Community Press and did not appear 20 days before.

TREASURER: Mel Gertz

- September 2020: We were \$106,130 behind for the month of September compared to last year and are running \$194,284 behind YTD as compared to last year. MTD for October we have collected \$48,122 and are running about \$31,000 ahead.

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith

- Farmer's Market will continue at the intersection of Reading and Vine Street through October 30th. There is a survey floating around online to ask for suggestions for next year's farmer's market. We've had a couple of work days with MND and Moeller Students that have gone very well. Thank you to all these students for doing projects around our parks! October is already here and that means thinking about next year. We are getting things marked off for our year end. My office the Auditor's Office is working with all of the department heads, the Treasurer's Department, and Administration to prepare. Hopefully, this will help with a smooth transition into 2021. We close down purchasing except for emergencies on December 4. The Ohio BWC has announced that we will receive a 2019 premium refund which will equate to around \$170K.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS**(1) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION
& AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

Resolution was declared a first reading only.

READING OF ORDINANCES

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENGAGE WITH DINSMORE AND SHOHL LLP FOR THE PURPOSES OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH REGARD TO PENDING FUTURE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING(TIF) LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fischesser – Thanks to the American Legion Post 69 and the Ladies Auxiliary 1095 who donated to the Shop with the Cop program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Fischesser, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to enter into Executive Session for purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel for the Fire and Police departments. Motion carried by roll call vote. Council entered into Executive session at 8:47 p.m. Motion made by Mr. Fischesser, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to come back from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:17 pm.

X Carla Kacher
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Clerk of Council

X Cris Nesbitt
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President of Council