

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 02, 2021 – 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 19 (Regular)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

Motion made by Mr. Fischesser, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to go out of order and read the resolutions first.
Motion carried by voice vote.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS

**(1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT
& RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE READING COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Second Reading)**

Motion made by Mr. Fischesser, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to suspend the third reading. Motion failed by a 4-2-1 roll call vote (Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “Yes”, Mr. Gertz and Mr. Lindeman voting “No;” and Mr. Powell abstaining from the vote).

Mr. Gertz made a motion to table all resolutions concerning the school issue regarding the poles until select citizens have had the chance to be part of the discussion and this was seconded by Mr. Lindeman. Motion failed by a 4-2-1 roll call vote (Mr. Gertz and Mr. Lindeman voting “Yes”; Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “No” and Mr. Powell abstaining from the vote). Mr. Gertz withdrawals his version of the Resolution until we see how the third reading of the current Resolution will be voted on.

READING OF ORDINANCES – None.

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Lynd to enter into Executive Session for purpose of discussing pending litigation regarding the poles at the school property with the City’s legal Counsel. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Gertz voting “no”). Executive session began at 7:48 p.m. Motion made by Mr. Albrinck, seconded by Mr. Lindeman to come back from Executive session at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Anthony Gertz

- Fair amount (\$222,000) left in the FEMA fund and would like to look into using these funds for flood remediation. Auditor, Ms. Smith, explained that some of the funds in this account are allocated for other things.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Don Lindeman

- No Report

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- I would like to thank our clerk Carla Kacher for tagging me in the comments on a post on the Reading Community Forum. Evidently Sharonville had shared some information on how to stop the delivery of the weekly grocery ads. I was very glad to see this because I kept hitting dead-ends when I attempted to find this information previously.

There are 3 options to stop delivery:

1. www.retailmenot.com/everyday/unsubscribe
2. 513-731-1200
3. cmdetton@valassis.com

It can take up to 6 weeks to stop and will be in effect for a period of 5 years. Please contact them again if the issue persists after the 6 weeks is over so they can follow up with their carrier.

LAWS AND CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- No Report

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Randy Fischesser

- First, I would like to express my sincere sympathy to the family of Doris Pfennig. She was always active in the Fire Department Auxiliary and was truly a pleasure to be with.

For Police:

For the month of January, they had 1316 calls for service, 18 auto accidents, 191 total charges filed with 143 being original charges. Citation issued: 17 to Arlington Heights, 7 to Hamilton County Court, 0 to Juvenile Court, and 140 to Reading's Mayors Court for a total of 164 citations.

Highlights of their operations include:

- 01/19/2021, officers responded with squad for child with burns. Two juveniles were located, during investigation it was found they had been setting fires in Lockland. All information turned over to Lockland for investigation.
- 01/23/2021, 7990 Reading Rd. (Family Dollar) Suspect from previous theft entered the store and stole a comforter set. Has happened twice in the last two weeks.
- 01/24/2021, during traffic stop, subject wanted for questioning in a homicide located, turned over to Cincinnati.
- 01/28/2021, 9000 Reading Rd. Traffic stop, driver had a suspended license, with a loaded firearm recovered, suspect transported to the justice center.
- 01/28/2021, during traffic stop officer recovered two loaded firearms along with 2.5 LBS of marijuana. Two subjects arrested.
- 01/28/2021, while making an arrest on Reading Rd. near Sunnybrook, officers had a Cincinnati salt truck attempt to strike them and turned the salt spreader on covering them with salt. After a pursuit, that was terminated the driver was arrested for attempted vehicular assault and transported to justice center. Both officers ok. Supervisor for Cincinnati stated the suspect has a history of issues with authority and law enforcement.
- First shift has been conducting extra traffic patrol near the schools last two weeks.
- Over the last two weeks officers checking doors has located three open businesses.
- The detectives have been working on a drug case, one assault case, and two sexual assaults.
- The new cruisers are at Mobilcomm for equipment installation.

For the Fire/EMS:

The department had 179 EMS runs, 27 Fire Responses (7 all-call) for a total of 213 spouses in January.

The Safety Committee will be meeting with the Police Chief next Tuesday, February 9th, at 5:00 in the Caucus Room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss capital needs for the coming year. Anyone wanting to attend must let me know. Proper distancing and face masks will be practiced.

SERVICE: Dennis Albrinck

- Complimented the Service Department on their recent clearing of the snow on Reading's roads.
- Called a Service committee meeting for Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus room.

RECREATION: Tom Lynd

- Reading Park rentals started yesterday on 2/1/21.
- Called a committee meeting for the Parks for Tuesday, 2/9/21, at 6:00pm.
- Susan Slavey agreed to attend and we will discuss the future needs for the Parks in Reading

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Eadicicco - Surrounding property values are being effected by out of town rental property owners renting out to out of town companies renting homes. Would like to institute inspection fees for rental properties as recommended by the comprehensive plan.

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

- January End of Month Summary: \$837,101.00 (January 24.4% ahead with 8 business days left in January)

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith

- January end of month is well underway. I will have reports out to everyone tomorrow. GAAP for 2020 is also being started by the Auditors. We do this process yearly. All departments are working on their pertinent reports for this process. Over this year, my office will be exploring 5 funds that need attention. As discussed we have received grants over the years that need closing by transferring money to correct funds. I'll be working on these and give updates as I have them. Monthly transfers have been made even through COVID. This includes the streets and curbs, sewer, growth fund, and communications for fire.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nesbit – Announced that there will be a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m.

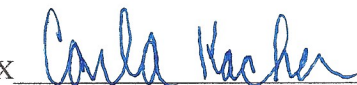
Mr. Gertz – (1) commented that he'd like to resume Council meetings back in Council Chambers.

(2) Mentioned that he spoke with a resident in Ward 2 regarding a housing code violation. He'll be bringing this up with either Todd Owens and/or Rick Martin.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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CARLA KACHER
Clerk of Council

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CRIS NESBITT
President of Council