

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
MAY 3, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

President Mr. Daum called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Bochner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco.
Motion made by Mr. Bochner, seconded by Mr. Powell to excuse Mr. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Safety Service Director Patrick Ross, Treasurer Brenda Owens & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve April 5 (Regular) Council Minutes made by Mr. Bochner, seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bishop, suspending the rule that speakers state their address. Motion carried by voice vote.

** For the full account of Audience Participation as well as Guest Speakers and their presentations, please visit <http://www.icrctv.com/communities>, click on “Reading,” and then click “Reading City Council 05-03-2022”*

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Brian Collins

- Hilltop Fields: These are not for public use. Those fields will be closed and maintained for security to prevent damage and mitigate liability for the district. There is no VYO agreement in place at this time for that.
- Stadium: Title II of the ADA requires local governments to make their programs and services accessible to persons with disabilities – this includes the stadium. Mr. Collins reached out to the Justice Department and asked for advice on something like this and they made it pretty clear that there is no such thing as a “grandfathered structure” and that the City has to improve those. The final decision can be left up to the Government if an excuse of exorbitant cost would be made. Improvements made to the field and track would be frowned upon over making improvements to become ADA compliant.
- Disagrees with Mrs. Eadicicco, Mrs. Kroeger & Mr. Bronner voting against an audience member requesting more time to speak last meeting. He hopes that the City of Reading Council will not take part in “Cancel Culture” and will vote to allow speakers more time to be heard at meetings.

(2) Bob Ashbrock (221 Walnut)

- Elaborated on the discussion from the previous meeting regarding recreational needs of the community. Specifically called to Council’s attention the requirement as described in the VSWC (Architectural Firm from Mason commissioned by the school district to design and oversee construction of their building) that provided a site evaluation of the current stadium. In that particular study they mentioned twice that if the master plan of improvements are made, on-site storm water retention will be required. Mr. Ashbrock fears this would be too easily swept under the carpet due to the City of Reading’s “less than stellar record” with managing storm water concerns. He asked that Council, once more, revisit the planned construction of a new storm water facility as proposed by MSD 3 years ago. Mr. Ashbrock has previously pointed out an area on the pool property that could be used for storm water retention and demonstrated the practicality of such an approach. The City storm water bill allows, or essentially offsets, so that while there may not be an actual storm water retention area available on the stadium property, the storm water regulations that we have would allow, potentially, for that need to be offset by collecting storm water, for example, from the pool parking lot & the field house. He thinks that this is something that this Council could, potentially, revisit and secure the preservation of that area for that specific purpose, so that if this turf improvement, or other stadium improvement are pursued that there would be a convenient and inexpensive means of meeting that requirement.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

The Cincinnati Pride Parade & Festival is one of the largest festivals in our area and attracted over 180,000 attendees in 2019. We are very excited to be returning to our annual parade and festival on Saturday, June 25, 2022. You can find the mission statement for Cincinnati Pride below:

“The purpose of Cincinnati Pride is to provide the Greater Cincinnati LGBTQIA+ community and our allies a forum that promotes inclusion and acceptance while affirming individuality. We work to produce programs that inspire, educate, and commemorate our rich history, while also celebrating our diverse culture. We foster collaboration with area organizations and businesses through sponsorships, partnerships and programming, and provide resources to positively impact the lives of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

We provide information, support local economic growth by partnering with the community to attract individuals to the Greater Cincinnati area, collaborate with other organizations through outreach programs, citizen involvement, and events, and educational resources to those inside and outside of the LGBTQ community.”

We are asking our larger community to help us celebrate June 2022 as Pride Month through Pride Month Proclamations. We would like the city of Reading to consider passing a Pride Month resolution to show your support of your LGBTQ+ residents.

I’ve attached sample wording. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you’d like more information on how Reading can be more inclusive and welcoming.

While these proclamations serve as an important symbolic step, we also implore your municipality to [join the 34 localities that have passed meaningful nondiscrimination protections](#) for the LGBTQ+ community in the state of Ohio.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you!

Best, Nate

*Nathaniel Braun (he/him)
Member at Large
Cincinnati Pride Board of Directors
Cincinnati Pride, Inc.
<https://www.cincinnatipride.org>*

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to mark the communication from Nathaniel Braun received/filed.
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GUEST SPEAKERS:

- (1) **Sara Miller**, ACA Navigator of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Free Store Food Bank:
They will be at the Reading Public Library on May 17th and May 20th from 11AM – 2PM to help anyone who may need assistance with obtaining Health Coverage.

Do you have Medicaid?
(You might call it Buckeye, CareSource, Molina, Paramount, or UnitedHealthcare)

Has your information changed recently?
New address or phone number? Name change? Something else?

Changes are coming to Medicaid in Ohio.
Update your contact information so you get important notices about changes and so you don't lose coverage you need.

You can click or call to update or contact your county directly.

 benefits.ohio.gov  844-640-6446  County JFS

Have your case number or SSN ready. Make sure your full name, address, and phone number are correct.

You have options.
You can select a new Medicaid plan that meets your needs. Get Covered Ohio Navigators can provide free, unbiased help with understanding your options.

  833-628-4467  getcoveredohio.org

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Not sure where to start?**

Have you been putting off shopping for health insurance because you are worried it will cost too much?

Have you recently experienced a life change, like a new baby, losing health coverage, moving, or getting married?

We can help you get covered.



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You deserve access to health coverage.

But you may not know what your options are. Our trained Navigators can help at no charge.

You may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period for health insurance or for coverage through Medicaid.

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(2) **Nick Diederich** (President of the RBD)

- Gave a deeper explanation of the Reading Bridal District's desire to acquire a DORA:

What is a DORA?

Per [R.C. 4301.82](#), a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area or "DORA" (aka Outdoor Refreshment Area or "ORA") is nothing more than a specified area of land that a local legislative authority has designated as exempt from certain open container provisions as defined within the legislative act that created the DORA. Thus, patrons within a DORA that purchase an alcoholic beverage for on-premises consumption from a DORA designated liquor permit holder can leave the permit premises with an opened alcoholic beverage container and continue consuming it within the DORA.

While the law places certain restrictions on DORAs, generally speaking the decision of whether to create a DORA, including its size, how many should be created, its hours of operation, what cups are used, or any health, safety, and sanitation plans when the DORA is in effect are all locally controlled decisions.

The Division's involvement in the DORA process is limited. The Division reviews the local legislative authority's resolution or ordinance that created the DORA to ensure that it meets basic legal requirements like having the minimum number of existing qualifying permits within the DORA at the time of creation. As long as the DORA documents meet the minimal legal requirements, the Division records the DORA's boundaries in its permitting system and affixes a DORA designation on the permit of any current or future qualifying permit holders within the DORA. Questions for the Division about DORA's should be sent to dora@com.ohio.gov.

How many DORAs can a Legislative Authority create?

The number of DORAs that may be established in a Municipal Corporation or Township, and a DORA's maximum size, depends on the population, as determined by the most recent regular federal decennial census, of the Municipal Corporation or Township. The chart below summarizes R.C. 4301.82(D):

Population of Municipal Corporation or Township	Maximum # of DORAs	Size of DORA
More than 50,000	4	Up to 320 contiguous acres or ½ square mile
35,001 – 50,000	2	Up to 320 contiguous acres or ½ square mile
35,000 or less	1	Up to 150 contiguous acres

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If the local legislative authority approves the DORA, the ordinance or resolution that created the DORA must, as specified in R.C. 4301.82(F)(1), ensure the public health and safety is maintained within the DORA by including all the following items in the ordinance or resolution:

- The specific boundaries, including street addresses, of the DORA;
- The number, spacing, and type of signage that will designate the DORA;
- The DORA's house of operation;
- The number of staff needed to ensure public safety within the DORA;
- A sanitation plan that will help maintain the appearance and public health within the DORA;
- The number of staff needed to carryout the sanitation plan; and
- A requirement that beer and intoxicating liquor be served in some sort of plastic bottle or container within the DORA.

How does a Legislative Authority expand or dissolve an existing DORA?

A Municipal Corporation or Township may **expand** an existing DORA provided that the expansion would not exceed the maximum size of the DORA permitted by law (*See above for details*).

Assuming the existing DORA can be expanded, the Legislative Authority must:

- follow the same procedures, like public notice and passing a resolution or ordinance, that were utilized to create the DORA; and
- send the same information to the [Division](#) that it would upon initial creation, including a new street boundary listing that includes all streets, not just the newly added streets.

If the existing DORA is already at its maximum size as permitted by law, then the original DORA cannot be expanded. Rather, the Legislative Authority would need to create a new DORA in the same manner specified above if it has not reached the maximum number of DORAs that it can create in its jurisdiction.

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A Municipal Corporation or Township may **dissolve** all or part of an existing DORA. To do so, it must:

- follow the same procedures, like providing public notice and passing a resolution or ordinance, that were utilized to create the DORA; and
- send the same information to the [Division](#) that it would upon initial creation, including whether the entire DORA was dissolved or a portion thereof.
 - If a portion of the DORA is dissolved, the legislative authority must provide the Division updated boundaries that remain within the DORA, including any street listings.

Upon receipt of the dissolution notice, the Division must revoke all DORA designations issued to establishments within the dissolved area.

A Legislative Authority must review its DORA every 5 years.

The Legislative Authority of a Municipal Corporation or Township in which a DORA is located is required to review the operation of the DORA every five years as long as the DORA is in operation.

As part of the review, the Legislative Authority must adopt an ordinance or resolution either approving the DORA's continued operation or dissolving it. Prior to adopting the ordinance or resolution, the Legislative Authority must give notice of the proposed action by publication in the same manner as specified above in this document.

APPENDIX B: Open Container Law – DORA exemption 4301.62

Ohio's Open Container Law generally prohibits a person from carrying an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any public place. A DORA allows a person who purchases beer or intoxicating liquor from the holder of a DORA designated permit to possess or consume that beverage in an opened container at any outdoor location within the DORA. However, no person may:

- Take an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor purchased elsewhere into another liquor permitted establishment; or
- Possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle in a DORA unless the:
 - motor vehicle is stationary and is not being operated in a lane of vehicular travel, or
 - possession is otherwise authorized under other exemptions to the Open Container Law governing chauffeured limousines or the transport of opened bottles of wine that are properly resealed.

Any questions regarding the enforcement of Ohio's liquor laws must be addressed to the [Ohio Department of Public Safety](#) and/or your local law enforcement agency.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert “Bo” Bemmes: *(Absent, Report given by Safety Service Director, Patrick Ross)*

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO DIAL 911 FOR ANY POLICE, FIRE, or EMS EMERGENCY
- In 2019, and in most of my years as our Mayor, we have been one of the busiest Mayors Courts in the State of Ohio for the number of Cases heard. We were the second busiest in 2019. The Ohio Supreme Court website has not updated Mayors Court stats for the past two years yet
- In the month of March our Police department received 1288 calls for service. An average of 180 total citations are written each month for speeding, illegal parking and red-light violations. We received a grant for \$24,000 to purchase Body Worn Cameras for our Police Officers and will need to pay another \$7,000 to complete the purchase for all of our Officers. We also need to spend another \$30,000 to purchase cameras for each of our Police cruisers. Administration will have an ordinance for Council to make these expenditures, which we support and highly recommend soon.
- As our Mayor it has always been a top priority for me to work very closely with each of our Excellent Schools to address School safety issues. I, with the cooperation of our Safety and Services Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Chief of Public Works do all that we can every day to keep students, teachers and administrators as safe as we possibly can.
 - Amongst my top priorities as your Mayor was to stress a more community oriented Police Department and establish a School Resource Officer position both of which have benefitted our city very well. We also started hosting a National Night Out at Koenig Park where our Police, along with neighboring departments, invite our residents to come and meet our Officers and see the resources available to us.
- Pool sign ups will be held on the first three Saturdays in May (May 7, 14 and 21) from 10am till noon at the Haffey Fieldhouse. Pool membership costs \$120 for a family before June 1st , \$90 for individuals before June 1 and \$25 for Senior Citizens before June 1. Prices go up after June 1st
- In 2021 our Public Works Department recycled 34,320 pounds of scrap metal, approximately 9 tons of old tires, 295 gallons of used oil, 256 cubic yards (51.2 tons) of wood chips from branches we collected from residents, our Street Sweeper collected 69 cubic yards of debris and our VacAll collected 105 cubic yards of debris.
- Our Clean up Reading Day, which started in 1991, was another very productive day in our City. Our Public Works Department teamed up with a great group of energetic volunteers including Diane Brown and Lisa Schoenberger and our Girl Scouts, We Thrive, Bruce Koehler and his Mill Creek Alliance crew, fourteen Reading High School Honor Society students and their Sponsor, four City Council members, our Parks and recreation Director Susan Slavey and her family and the many other selfless people who help us keep our City neat and litter free every day and together we got a lot done.
- Our Farmers Market opens on Friday May 20th and will be open every Friday after that till late September
- We will apply for a Duke Energy grant, as we have successfully done several times in the past, to help purchase supplies for our parks and to help with litter clean up.
- We were awarded a \$283,000 in Grant dollars to repave North Street in 2022 the total project cost will be approx. \$566,000
- Our Reading Community Fine Arts Center is open and hoping that everyone will come and see and support this incredible addition to our City. The Hall of Grace, named in memory of Gracie Lynn Rack, will provide a unique venue with elegant ambiance in which host weddings, receptions and other public gatherings The Reading Fine Arts

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Center will offer private and group lessons for dance, voice and theater as well as weekly piano and strings lessons. To get more information call 513-709-7464 or go to readingcommunityartscenter.org

- PLEASE SLOW DOWN AS YOU DRIVE AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ALL PEDESTRIANS
- If we as a City are going to be as safe as we can be it will take all of us doing our part. Please get to know your neighbors and look out for them and please call our Police at 513-733-4122 anytime you see suspicious or illegal activity or dial 911 if you feel it is an emergency. If anyone wants to become involved in a neighborhood watch program please contact me at 513-509-8619
- I want to thank everyone who work so hard to make our city better. Reading continues to be home for a lot of wonderful individuals and families who do incredible things day in out
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 513-509-8619 or at rbemmes@readingohio.org. PLEASE JOIN MY FACEBOOK GROUP AT ROBERT “BO” BEMMES MAYOR of CITY of READING OHIO

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross:

- Police chief provided speed data on East Galbraith taken over a 15-day period
 - Raw Data- Over 57,000 vehicles
 - 99.37% or 56,981 were going equal to or less than 40 MPH
 - 289 41-45 mph
 - 57 46-50 mph
 - 8 51-55 mph
 - 4 56-60 mph
 - Working on city wide phone system upgrade. As part of this, became aware of duplicate address for Pump House and Hilltop Fire Station. After speaking with Auditor’s office, this has been corrected.
 - Completed an audit that is done once every 4 years by the Ohio Plan (City’s property and casualty insurance group). Part of this they speak to myself, departmental chiefs, as well as working with Seth Redwine for best practices at our parks. As part of this process, they research existing or potential liability of our property and other assets. At this time he had no recommendations.
 - Working with public works department on updating water tap in fees and fees when do curb cuts or other ROW cuts.
 - Public works department Salt Storage has been completed. This will allow us to triple to quadruple the amount salt store in Reading. This will make us less reliant on waiting for delivery of salt during inclement weather. This purchase was approved by the prior sitting council for approximately \$40,000 and was paid for with Covid Relief Dollars.
 - Completed our required reporting for covid.
 - Health Insurance Renewal- 4.85%
 - 7 years as self-insured group 5.3% increase
 - 5 years prior to being self-insured 9.9%
 - Thurnridge Drive Update - Adleta is working at a great pace
 - One side is completely finished and the other side is more than halfway completed with widening, curbs, and Apron. Final Paving and striping scheduled for early to mid-June
- THANK YOU RESIDENTS FOR PATIENCE DURING THIS CONSTRUCTION

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LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson (*No Report, Absent*)

TREASURER: Brenda Owens

**City of Reading
April 2022 Income Tax Receipt Summary
With Prior Years Comparison**

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	\$96,093	\$110,812	\$107,429	\$79,333	-26.2%
February	\$68,356	\$67,807	\$45,896	\$37,035	-19.3%
March	\$117,226	\$89,577	\$127,056	\$131,391	3.4%
April	\$415,198	\$109,428	\$221,576	\$457,959	106.7%
May	\$77,836	\$48,987	\$223,455		
June	\$115,093	\$99,289	\$134,637		
July	\$53,556	\$337,009	\$82,544		
August	\$70,483	\$71,990	\$39,361		
September	\$102,017	\$106,778	\$89,782		
October	\$38,131	\$93,081	\$56,061		
November	\$54,158	\$76,487	\$14,763		
December	\$58,151	\$96,708	\$86,298		
Yearly Totals	\$1,266,298	\$1,307,953	\$1,228,857	\$705,718	
YTD Progress	\$696,873	\$377,623	\$501,957	\$705,718	40.6%

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	\$555,799	\$539,671	\$717,952	\$689,143	-4.0%
February	\$418,114	\$530,926	\$462,760	\$441,735	-4.5%
March	\$403,816	\$419,609	\$413,361	\$434,394	5.1%
April	\$718,041	\$590,089	\$801,135	\$752,396	-6.1%
May	\$464,702	\$453,000	\$490,963		
June	\$463,205	\$441,487	\$484,864		
July	\$474,774	\$433,643	\$507,334		
August	\$410,495	\$519,886	\$566,411		
September	\$519,714	\$392,475	\$411,837		
October	\$457,049	\$449,639	\$549,184		
November	\$454,636	\$483,331	\$545,750		
December	\$458,688	\$429,457	\$432,363		
Yearly Totals	\$5,799,031	\$5,683,214	\$6,383,913	\$2,317,667	
YTD Progress	\$2,095,769	\$2,080,295	\$2,395,208	\$2,317,667	-3.2%

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	\$14,888	\$22,258	\$11,981	\$48,907	308.2%
February	\$37,357	\$18,896	\$58,854	\$24,719	-58.0%
March	\$44,127	\$77,585	\$23,641	\$210,097	788.7%
April	\$146,628	\$26,014	\$137,747	\$274,272	99.1%
May	\$22,169	\$21,905	\$60,812		
June	\$87,523	\$39,477	\$87,483		
July	\$7,829	\$95,430	\$43,735		
August	\$50,022	\$80,398	\$38,207		
September	\$61,612	\$77,959	\$85,263		
October	\$16,216	\$32,831	\$42,542		
November	\$13,642	\$17,874	\$22,412		
December	\$63,553	\$26,952	\$87,159		
Yearly Totals	\$565,565	\$537,579	\$699,835	\$557,994	
YTD Progress	\$242,999	\$144,753	\$232,222	\$557,994	140.3%

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	\$666,780	\$672,741	\$837,361	\$817,383	-2.4%
February	\$523,826	\$617,629	\$567,510	\$503,488	-11.3%
March	\$565,169	\$586,771	\$564,058	\$775,881	37.6%
April	\$1,279,867	\$725,531	\$1,160,458	\$1,484,627	27.9%
May	\$564,707	\$523,892	\$775,230		
June	\$665,820	\$580,253	\$706,984		
July	\$536,158	\$866,082	\$633,613		
August	\$531,000	\$672,274	\$643,978		
September	\$683,343	\$577,213	\$586,882		
October	\$511,396	\$575,551	\$647,787		
November	\$522,436	\$577,693	\$582,925		
December	\$580,392	\$553,117	\$605,819		
Yearly Totals	\$7,630,893	\$7,528,746	\$8,312,605	\$3,581,379	
YTD Progress	\$3,035,642	\$2,602,672	\$3,129,387	\$3,581,379	14.4%

Total Refunds	2019 = \$135,343	2020 = \$132,162	2021 = \$115,450 2022 YTD Refunds = \$65,326
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Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 05/02/2022

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith: (*Absent, Report Given By Treasurer, Brenda Owens*)

- The Audit for 2020 and 2021 is wrapping up. This is a 6-month process and we hope to have it completed soon. This Audit is conducted by the Auditor of State and does multiple wellness checks on our City including: viability, internal controls, capital assets, and fraud.
- The end of the month reports for April will be out within the next week.
- Thank you for passing legislation to start the process for the new finance system. This will be beneficial to all our departments.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner

- I have scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m. to be held in council chambers. This meeting is open to the public. We will discuss the funding of field turf installation and track resurfacing at the stadium and the funding of service equipment. We will also talk about implementation and benefits of our new finance and payroll computer software which was approved last month. Council approved an amount not to exceed \$190,000 from Covid Relief fund 501 for this upgrade.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop *(No Report)*

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- I have been researching how other communities in the area are staffing their part time building and zoning departments. Once I have compiled and had a chance to digest my research I will provide a summary for discussion.

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco *(No Report)*

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger

Police Department run count for April, 2022

- Calls for service 1,321
- Auto Accidents 28
- Booking Original Charges 141
- Total Criminal Charges 203

Citations Issued

- Hamilton County 8
- Arlington Heights 11
- Juvenile 2
- Reading Mayor's 178

Total Citations 200

Just to be as transparent as possible, the Police Chief sends me his entire report. I choose what I think is necessary to read from that report. It just isn't necessary to read the whole thing. I will, however, try and give a little bit more detail than I have for the sake of some people requesting it. Out of the 1,321 runs, there were overdoses, a report of child abuse, traffic stops, damage to almost all of our parks, check fraud and breaking and entering.

While it's easy to get caught up in the negative, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the police department for their incredible work yesterday. They arrested two subjects wanted on felony warrants and seized a large amount of drugs and guns.

The police, fire & service departments all attended the Reading Elementary School carnival and participated in touch-a-truck.

Fire Departments run count for April, 2022

- EMS Responses 186
- Fire Responses 39 (6 all-call)

Total Responses 225

The fire department participated in clean up Reading by grilling for all the workers who helped.

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SERVICE: Bob Boehner

Reading Public Works Council Report May 3, 2022

City crew was out patching potholes in the streets

The Mulcher has been out collecting branches.

City street sweeper has been out.

City crew has completed the building of the new salt Bin at the City garage should hold approximately 11 to 1200 ton of road salt at one time.

City crews have been out cleaning out catch basins with the vac all

City crews have been doing water shutoffs.

City crews responded to a residence on Illinois Ave and secured the residence because of health violations.

City hosted a clean up Reading Day at the garage and the residence responded very well as our dumpsters were completely full.

City crew have taken down the Christmas Lights.

City crews have been replacing street signage throughout the city that has been damaged.

City vehicles were cleaned and taken to the Reading High school for show and tell on Saturday April 30,2022.

City crew was called out on April 30,2022 for a concrete spill on South Kathwood. The driver was cited and is being billed for the cleanup.

Mrs. Eadicicco asked if Mr. Boehner would contact the Service Department regarding a sink-hole that is forming on Benson and Reading Road by the Rally's Fast Food restaurant on the corner.

RECREATION: Scott Thamann

The City of Reading Litter Clean Up was another success. An extra thanks goes out to the Reading Service Department for collecting the bags of litter & for having the garage open for residents to drop off large items. All participants were invited back to Koenig Park where the city provided a hotdog, chips, soft drink, and cookie. Thanks to the fire department for grilling the hotdogs. Thank you to the residents and organizations such as Reading High School Honor Society teachers, WeThrive & Walk with a Purpose that helped throughout the city and at the St Peter & Paul Cemetery.

Pool sign ups will be May 7, 14 & 21 at the Haffey Fieldhouse from 10am – Noon. Remember to try to sign up before June 1 to take advantage of the lower rate. You will also be able to sign up your child for the first session of swim lessons during the pool sign ups. The pool will open on Saturday, June 4 @ Noon.

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Memorial Day Festival & softball tournament is May 27, 28, 29 & 30 at Koenig Park. The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30.

We have had some vandalism, graffiti, etc. in ALL our parks. Please keep an eye out and if you see anything suspicious contact the police.

OTHER BUSINESS: *(None)*

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE BODY WORN, IN CAR CAMERA'S AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Boehner to adopt the ordinance.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-13

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO HAVE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED AND SWITCHED OVER AS NEEDED, FOR TWO 2022 CRUISERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bronner to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bishop to adopt the ordinance.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-14

(3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Thamann to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-15

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Boehner moved to adjourn. Mr. Bishop seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

X _____
Dwight Daum
President of Council