

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 21, 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. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Law Director Dave Stevenson Treasurer Brenda Owens & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve June 7 (Regular) Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bronner. Motion carried by a voice vote.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATION

(1) Dennis Albrinck:

WHEREAS, Dennis Edward Albrinck, was born on Saturday, June 16, 1945 to beloved parents Edward Joseph and Bernadine Catherine Albrinck (nee Arens); and

WHEREAS, Dennis grew up in Reading, Ohio, along with his 5 brothers and sisters: Marlene Hagedorn (nee Albrinck), Ronald Albrinck, Donald Albrinck, Kathleen Albrinck and David Albrinck; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Saints Peter & Paul grade school, high school from St. Gregory Seminary, received a bachelor's degree from the Athenaeum of Ohio, and earned three masters' degrees: a Master's of Education and a Master's of Public Administration degrees from Xavier University, and a Master's Degree from Mt. St. Mary Seminary; and

WHEREAS, he was faithfully married to his wife, Carol S. Albrinck (nee Henegar) for 43 years, and their marriage blessed with 3 loving children: Angie Kandil (married to Jim Kandil), Suzanne Bischoff (married to Brian Bischoff) and Carla Kacher (married to Josh Kacher) and 6 amazing grandchildren: Corey Kandil, Mackenzie Kandil, Kelsey Kandil, Tyler Bischoff, Nathan Bischoff and Alaina Kacher; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a devoted husband and loving father, he has remained an active member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church (previously Our Lady of the Sacred Heart) serving as president of the pastoral council, a lector, and distributor; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize his significant impact of volunteerism within the Reading Republican Party, having served numerous official roles within the club; and

WHEREAS, over the span of 40 years, he has honorably carried out many civic responsibilities for the City of Reading, including: serving as Safety Service Director, working as Clerk of Reading City Council and as Ward 4 Councilman, serving as member to the Recreation Committee and chairing the Service Committee; and

WHEREAS, we the City of Reading, wish to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Albrinck for his substantial contributions to the City, through his humble willingness to serve others, his love of his community, and his unmatched, "Denny Albrinck" affable personality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert (Bo) Bemmes, Mayor of the City of Reading, Ohio, do hereby deem it an honor to present this proclamation to Dennis Edward Albrinck, and encourage all citizens to join together in honoring Mr. Albrinck for his years of virtuous service to our great City.

(2) Reading High School Boy's Baseball Team (District Champions)

(3) Cheryl of the Legion's Unit 69 Ladie's Auxiliary (Check Presentation of \$4,000.00 for 4th of July Fireworks) Casino Night & Reverse Raffle in March 2022.

For the full Mayor's proclamations & presentation, please visit <http://www.icrctv.com/communities>, click on "Reading," and then click "Reading City Council 06-21-2022."

GUEST SPEAKER: *None Scheduled*

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Jim Murray (21 Magic Lane) – Distributed copies of his received communication from City's Administration regarding his property on Magic Lane to Council. It is Mr. Murray's opinion that the 4th home was constructed through questionable means.
- Response from Mayor Bo Bemmes: Each home was built with a proper permit with the City.

(2) Lee Koehler (3238 Hunt Road) – Requested that Council hold off on passing the trees ordinance that is being presented tonight. More discussion should be had since there are a number of positives that trees provide to the City.

(3) Bob Ashbrock (221 Walnut Street) – Addressed Council urging them to table the trees ordinance or revise it significantly. "Regulating" suggests that the activity (tree planting) is permitted but under conditions. The ordinance being presented comes off as an "out-right ban" of any trees being planted.

(4) Laura Roth (1111 Market Street) – She is willing to work with Council to create a Street Tree Program within Reading. She helped write the Street Tree Program Ordinance for the City of Lockland and worked for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for 30 years.

(5) James Shelton (2401 Carol Drive) – Brought up a question regarding who will be responsible for the trees should a home owner or the City want to plant a tree within the locational limits of this ordinance.

(6) Jennifer Dick (227 Harvest Lane) – Asked if there is an ordinance to protect a homeowner from a neighbor's tree growing into her property. She was told that if she cuts the tree it will kill the tree. There is no such ordinance at this time.

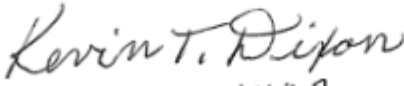
READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Letter from Kevin Dixon

Reading Paramedics

To Whom It May Concern:

For the last 10 or more months, my wife Patty Dixon, who passed away on May 31st, was seriously ill and Reading Paramedics was called to our home numerous times. Many times those calls resulted in a hospital stay; but there were other times when the medical assessment revealed stable vitals and just knowing she had been checked out alleviated her fears and we were able to avoid a hospital visit. Regardless of the situation the medics faced when being called to our home, EVERYONE EVERYTIME went above and beyond to be patient, kind, compassionate, reassuring, and professional. They were always ready, willing and eager to help and provide the care/services that were needed. They never lost patience or made us feel like a bother. I cannot thank them enough.

Sincerely, 
513-678-4422
Kevin Dixon

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger marking the communication received/filed. Motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None Requested

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATION OF THE PLANTING, REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT OF TREES ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE CITY AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN STANDARDS:

Motion made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Bronner to table the ordinance for further discussion and possible revision.
Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH A SUPPLIER RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading.
Motion carried by 6-0-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “yes” and MR. Bishop recusing himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest). Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Boehner to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by 6-0-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “yes” and MR. Bishop recusing himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest).

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-20

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(1) Mr. Stevenson announced that his mother-in-law, Joann Hurst, a lifelong Reading resident, passed away Sunday, June 19.

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE:

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to hold a “Council of the Whole” segment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Boehner –

- (1) Need a “No Parking” sign back up on Siebenthaler – August 15th (7AM – 4PM on School Days)
- (2) Would like to include Bolser Drive in the parking conversation on Dottie Court.

Mr. Powell –

The parking situation on Dottie Court has been and continues to be an ongoing issue in my Ward.

On 8-7-2021 then councilman Fischesser and myself canvassed the street seeking comments from the residents on the parking and potential solutions. Councilman Fischesser discussed with the administration about limiting parking on one side of Dottie Court during school hours. The administration wanted to try a different approach with some targeted enforcement of parking regulations at the beginning of the 21-22 School year and see how that goes.

Parking issues for the most part at the beginning of the school year were fairly tame but seemed to increase as the year progressed. I attribute that to the seniors that graduated freeing up many of the permitted off street spaces and as more sophomores became licensed throughout the school year there seemed to be a higher demand street parking. I received multiple complaints from multiple residents throughout the school year.

Here are some personal observations of mine from the past year:

- All streets (Maple, Lory, and Kenray) in the neighborhood with the exception of Dottie have parking restricted 24-7 on one side of the street
- After observing the street on multiple days and at multiple times of day and night the issues seem to primarily occur during the school day.

- Trailridge Drive and Julie Terrace have signs restriction school day parking from Columbia to several doors down the street.
- 10 of the 15 homes before the cul-de-sac on Dottie have driveways sufficient to park multiple vehicles off of the street
- 5 of the 15 homes before the cul-de-sac on Dottie have driveways that could fit one vehicle off of the street. The topography limited how those driveways could be constructed.
- Because of the number of curb cuts there appears to be more available parking on the north side of Dottie as opposed to the south side of Dottie.

I have spoken with our Fire Chief on the matter and he expressed concern about being able to get a fire truck or ambulance down the street because of the two sided parking and would favor having similar parking to all of the other streets in the neighborhood.

The majority of residents that on the street that I have spoken with, including as recently as yesterday evening, favor restricted parking during school hours similar to what is current in place at the top pf Trailridge and Julie.

I want to bring an ordinance to the floor to address the situation but would like to have a healthy amount of discussion on the matter prior to doing so.

Mr. Bronner – Announced that the next Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mr. Bishop – Announced that the next Utilities, Lands & Buildings Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, immediately following the Finance Committee meeting on the same evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mrs. Kroeger and was seconded by Mrs. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Carla Kacher
 Clerk of Council

X _____
Dwight Daum
 President of Council