

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE & COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE SESSION
October 19, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President 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 and Mr. Lindeman. Motion made by Mr. Lindeman, seconded by Mr. Lynd to excuse Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Fischesser and Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Law Director Dave Stevenson & Auditor Sabrina Smith. Mr. Nesbitt provided the Clerk of Council efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *None*

COMMUNICATIONS: *None*

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Patrick Ormond 2720 Maple Tree Ct

- Addressed the recycling issue that is currently being considered for the upcoming Trash Contract.
- Pointed out that the United States is the number one most wasteful country in the world.
- Patrick provided many facts about recycling material that help economically and environmentally.
- Mr. Lindeman noted that the City will be opening the vendor bid quotes for Trash Contract on October 29th.

Richard Morgan 2606 Maple Tree Ct

- Noted that there are many Reading park events that do not offer residents a way to recycle currently.
- Pat Ormond provided details on the existing grant to provide City Parks with Recycle Bins by Spring 2022.

Mary Zander 317 Walnut St

- Agrees that curbside pick-up will make it easier and more equitable for all City trash customers to recycle.
- This low cost for recycling should offset the overall rising costs of trash management into the future.
- Mr. Lindeman thanked current organizations Walk with a Purpose and We Thrive because their efforts are “contagious” and many others in the City are following and duplicating their leading efforts.
- Mayor Bemmes and the City Services are thrilled with the increased educational information on how to recycle.

Mark Bishop 215 Hunt Rd

- Recommended allowing the collectors of trash & recycle materials to use our home containers while in route.

James Murray 21 Magic Ln

- Revisited his concerns for paperwork involving the permits for the fourth house construction on Magic Lane.

Tom Bemmes 20 Magic Ln

- Comments concerning the personal references and innuendos about Preferences and Favors afforded.

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- Continued Remarks.

Tom Bemmes 20 Magic Ln

- Continued concerns and explanations.

Dwight Daum 2345 East Galbraith Rd

- Comments on a Recycling Opt-Out Provisions and Paving on Harvest Lane.

- Requested that the Reading Street Paving prioritized list to be published & explained for the public viewing.
- Brought of incidents of Rumpke missing trash pickups and a suggestion to include penalties in future Contracts.
- Brought up a “hear-say” recollection of lacked Drug Enforcement & Endangering People incident on Harvest Ln.

Jennifer Dick 227 Harvest Ln

- Discussed many problems that are occurring on Harvest Ln with Rumpke, Policing, exterior property maintenance and disorderly neighbors.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Reading Historical Society Dinner on Friday Night October 22nd.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS – (None)

READING OF ORDINANCES

- (1) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFTEY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A SALT STORAGE BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED CONCRETE AND BLOCK NECESSARY FOR THE BUILDING AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First Reading)**

The Ordinance was declared a First Reading Only.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The City Administration had three vendor demos on computer software to support the Treasurer, the Auditor, City Administration and City Departments.
- Analysis of the demos are being evaluated, reviewed and further investigation will occur.
- The current computer software will not be supported starting in July of 2023.
- The new software will be much more efficient, effective and be an Accrual Accounting Basis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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Cris Nesbitt
 Pro Tem Clerk of Council

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Cris Nesbitt
 President of Council