

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – 7:30 PM**

For the full detail of this evening's Council Meeting, please visit www.watchreadingohio.com.

CALL TO ORDER: The president called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The President led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, and Mrs. Kroeger. Council member absent was Mrs. Eadicicco. Mr. Thamann moved to excuse Mrs. Eadicicco, and Mrs. Kroeger seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Auditor Sabrina Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

Mr. Boehner moved to amend the agenda to include the truck purchase ordinance. This was seconded by Mr. Bishop. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Bronner moved to and amend the title of the fountains ordinance as printed on the agenda. Mrs. Kroeger seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Two emails from Don Lykins (regarding truck traffic and use of the fieldhouse) were partially read and discussed by Councilman Powell. A motion to receive and file the communication by Mrs. Kroeger and seconded by Mr. Bronner carried by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

A motion to amend the ordinance to identify the funding source as the sewer service fund 827 was made by Mr. Thamann and seconded by Mr. Powell. The motion carried by voice vote. A second motion by Mr. Thamann to amend the ordinance to clarify the need for the emergency language was seconded by Mr. Boehner. The motion carried by voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE 4 NEW WATER FOUNTAINS FOR THE UPKEEP AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR PARKS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Thamann moved to discuss. 2 of these water fountains are being installed at Koenig Park, one at Carnevale Park, and one at Voorhees Park. One of them will be for wheelchair use.

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Mr. Bronner moved to suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. The rules were suspended by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Boehner moved to adopt the ordinance, and Mr. Bishop seconded. The ordinance passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Ordinance number 2023-13.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO TEN TON TRUCKS FOR SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Boehner moved to discuss the ordinance. He indicated the price for the trucks has been increasing, and they are replacements for high-use trucks that are deteriorating due to use, and that the old trucks will be sold at auction. One truck will be funded through the sewer service fund, and the other will be funded through the covid fund.

Mr. Boehner moved to suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading. Mr. Powell seconded. The rules were suspended by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Mrs. Kroeger moved to adopt the ordinance, and Mr. Bishop seconded. The ordinance was adopted by a 6-0 roll call vote. Ordinance number 2023-14.

Mr. Boehner added that we are next on the list to get these trucks, and that he wanted the ordinance ready for the administration, so we could purchase them as soon as we are notified that they are available.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Bishop discussed communication from Greater Cincinnati Water Works regarding the reopening of the water intakes after the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. The email follows.

From: "Arnette, Verna" <Verna.Arnette@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov>
Date: February 21, 2023 at 10:05:30 AM EST
To: Patrick Ross <pross@readingohio.org>
Subject: RE: East Palestine, OH Train Derailment

Good morning - Just wanted to provide a quick update concerning the train derailment and its impact on the Ohio River. After continued monitoring and sampling of river water, GCWW determined it was safe to open the water intake yesterday mid-day after having been shut down at 2 am Sunday morning. Optimized treatment has been incorporated as a precautionary measure. Additionally, GCWW will continue to closely monitor and sample the Ohio River and work with neighboring utilities and partners. Please see GCWW's website for more information [Greater Cincinnati Water Works - GCWW \(cincinnati-oh.gov\)](http://GreaterCincinnatiWaterWorks-GCWW.cincinnati-oh.gov).

Mr. Bishop also shared meeting viewership statistics from ESP media and discussed the archiving status of old meetings. The statistics from the February 7, 2023 meeting are:

Live Viewers: 120
Impressions: 302
On-Demand Stats:
Audio Listeners: 82
YouTube viewers: 34

There was further discussion regarding the train wreck in East Palestine, Ohio, since a rail line runs directly through the City of Reading. Council members were asked to see how the topic fits in with their committees. Mr. Boehner indicated that the Police and Fire Chiefs likely have a plan already, and said that Congress was working on related issues. Mr. Powell indicated that the contents of a tanker car can be determined by looking up the chemical number on the hazmat placard.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bronner moved to adjourn. Mr. Thamann seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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Dwight Daum
Clerk of Council Pro Tem

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President of Council