

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 7:30 PM**

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

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, Director Dave Stevenson, Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to correct the minutes to read “Ordinances” instead of “Resolution” under the approved Legislative Session section made by Mr. Thamann, seconded by Mr. Boehner. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion to approve the September 5 revised Council Minutes made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

Doug Bailey (321 Jefferson) – Doug informed Council about a neighbor who has put up a tent and started a body shop. The police were called and told him to stop. He moved his tent/body shop to the front of his yard. This neighbor burns all kinds of materials in a trash can and was told by the fire department that there is nothing they can do. The neighbor performs oil changes in his yard and then dumps the dirty oil in the sewers. Doug is not sure what to do at this point. He has spoken to several City officials, and nothing has changed. This has been ongoing for over a year and a half. Katie Eadicicco will take this into her committee.

Samantha Adams (408 Jefferson) – also spoke about the same neighbor that Doug Bailey spoke about. Samantha's main complaint is his continual speeding on the street. She spoke to the neighbor and asked him to stop. He told her to call the police. He now slows down in front of her home and then speeds up. The dangerous incidents happen too quickly to call the police and catch him in the act. Samantha also mentioned that he is squatting in the home he's living in.

Bill Tucker (WaxwingDrive) – Barricade situation on Waxwing legally finalized. He has been working with multiple attorneys but is missing some information. The deed was not properly filed back in the 60s. City of Reading to sign a “quit claim deed” so that in the future there is no legal issues with this. Mr. Tucker's plan/hope is that a title attorney can file the proper documents needed to finish the legalization of the barricades on Waxwing.

Mr. Stevenson's response: The city vacated the street in 1961 and owners took possession of the property. Presently, Mr. Tucker's attorney asked Law Director Mr. Stevenson if the City would sign a quit claim deed. Mr. Stevenson said this would be up to the current Council. Mr. Stevenson confirmed he, nor Patrick Ross or the President of Council have the authority to sign a quit claim deed.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES:

***(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME DEPUTY TREASURER, NOT TO EXCEED ONE, FOR THE CITY OF READING, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Second Reading)***

Mr. Bronner said this was discussed in the Finance committee and decided this position is needed.

Mrs. Owens also commented that the training of the position will take quite a bit of time.

Motion made by Mr. Thamann, seconded by Mr. Bronner to suspend the rule that requires a third reading.

Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-34

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO HIRE TWO (2) ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED, FULL TIME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES AND TO DIRECT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER A TEST FOR TWO (2) TRUCK DRIVERS FOR THE SERVICE 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. Behner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-35

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(1) Mr. Bemmes - October 7, Historical Society Dinner. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

(2) Brenda Owens - I just want to update that the transition is still a work in progress. As of October 1st, we will be making bank deposits and receiving credit card deposits to the new Water/Utility and Income Tax accounts and the first payroll in October will be processed through the new Payroll account. Getting the lockboxes up and running will be a much slower process. We received our first payment of interest last week, as well.

(3) Shelly Kroeger – Next Public Health & Safety Meeting will be held on October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

(4) Dave Powell – Next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus Room.

(5) Mr. Bronner – Wildlife concerns. The City does not trap or reimburse residents for what they may pay out of pocket for the removal of wildlife animals.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mr. Boehner and seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

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Dwight Daum
President of Council