

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 07, 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:

Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the October 17 Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Mr. Kroeger. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes: *(No Report) (Absent)*

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross: (Absent – Report given by Clerk of Council, Carla Kacher)

- Duke's contractor is working on tie ins on Reading Road. Plates will get removed upon completion of work. They have one more location adjacent to RR at North Street and are being held up from starting due to RR requirements. MSD's contractor has a few more items to complete but must wait until Duke's work is complete.
- Fuhrman Rd. - Improvements this Thursday - Ohio Public Works Loan & Hamilton County Municipal Rd Fund Grant
- Maple Drive Engineering underway - This will include new and larger water main.
- Port Authority contractor making significant work with site work, environmental remediation, underground storm water detention. Held a meeting with Port, their contractor, and water department on next phase of work which will include a new water main that will give us a loop of our main
- Several meetings and training sessions on new payroll and finance system. All departments now being trained on new purchase & requisition process. Like anything new, will take time to get a hang of, but will greatly increase efficiency.
- Attended Steering Committee for Triangle Trails with members of several other communities and organizations.
- Cameras at Fieldhouse, Koenig Park, and Vorhees park are all active.
- In process of installing electronic locking system at the Fieldhouse.
- Leaves - Do not blow or rake them into the streets. Creates a safety issue and bad for storm water system.
- Holiday Walk - Saturday December 2, 2023, from 6-9 PM. Benson St. Reading – Wachendorf.

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

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TREASURER: Brenda Owens

City of Reading
2023 October Income Tax Receipt Summary
With Prior Years Comparison

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 22 to 23
January	\$110,812	\$107,429	\$79,333	\$97,988	23.5%
February	\$67,807	\$45,896	\$37,035	\$62,179	67.9%
March	\$89,577	\$127,056	\$131,391	\$121,019	-7.9%
April	\$109,428	\$221,576	\$457,756	\$441,112	-3.6%
May	\$48,987	\$223,455	\$102,421	\$73,112	-28.6%
June	\$99,289	\$134,637	\$107,043	\$117,960	10.2%
July	\$337,009	\$82,544	\$28,939	\$35,819	23.8%
August	\$71,990	\$39,361	\$36,571	\$34,271	-6.3%
September	\$106,778	\$89,782	\$78,608	\$86,325	9.8%
October	\$93,081	\$56,061	\$63,966	\$52,893	-17.3%
November	\$76,487	\$14,763	\$64,047		
December	\$96,708	\$86,298	\$46,897		
Yearly Totals	\$1,307,953	\$1,228,857	\$1,234,007	\$1,122,678	
YTD Progress	\$1,134,758	\$1,127,797	\$1,123,063	\$1,122,678	0.0%

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 22 to 23
January	\$539,671	\$717,952	\$689,143	\$699,906	1.6%
February	\$530,926	\$462,760	\$441,735	\$483,701	9.5%
March	\$419,609	\$413,361	\$434,394	\$477,447	9.9%
April	\$590,089	\$801,135	\$752,396	\$701,491	-6.8%
May	\$453,000	\$490,963	\$534,911	\$480,917	-10.1%
June	\$441,487	\$484,864	\$470,151	\$475,836	1.2%
July	\$433,643	\$507,334	\$501,087	\$671,451	34.0%
August	\$519,886	\$566,411	\$591,928	\$459,951	-22.3%
September	\$392,475	\$411,837	\$464,052	\$491,289	5.9%
October	\$449,639	\$549,184	\$606,041	\$581,556	-4.0%
November	\$483,331	\$545,750	\$493,632		
December	\$429,457	\$432,363	\$462,692		
Yearly Totals	\$5,683,214	\$6,383,913	\$6,442,162	\$5,523,544	
YTD Progress	\$4,770,426	\$5,405,800	\$5,485,837	\$5,523,544	0.7%

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 22 to 23
January	\$22,258	\$11,981	\$48,907	\$21,712	-55.6%
February	\$18,896	\$58,854	\$24,719	\$17,868	-27.7%
March	\$77,585	\$23,641	\$210,097	\$100,630	-52.1%
April	\$26,014	\$137,747	\$274,272	\$231,557	-15.6%
May	\$21,905	\$60,812	\$42,806	\$13,048	-69.5%
June	\$39,477	\$87,483	\$399,300	\$136,640	-65.8%
July	\$95,430	\$43,735	\$15,804	\$32,265	104.2%
August	\$80,398	\$38,207	\$22,399	\$38,469	71.7%
September	\$77,959	\$85,263	\$337,399	\$118,498	-64.9%
October	\$32,831	\$42,542	\$22,564	\$18,497	-18.0%
November	\$17,874	\$22,412	\$15,798		
December	\$26,952	\$87,159	\$48,456		
Yearly Totals	\$537,579	\$699,835	\$1,462,520	\$729,184	
YTD Progress	\$492,753	\$590,264	\$1,398,266	\$729,184	-47.9%

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 22 to 23
January	\$672,741	\$837,361	\$817,383	\$819,606	0.3%
February	\$617,629	\$567,510	\$503,488	\$563,747	12.0%
March	\$586,771	\$564,058	\$775,881	\$699,095	-9.9%
April	\$725,531	\$1,160,458	\$1,484,424	\$1,374,159	-7.4%
May	\$523,892	\$775,230	\$680,137	\$567,077	-16.6%
June	\$580,253	\$706,984	\$976,494	\$730,436	-25.2%
July	\$866,082	\$633,613	\$545,830	\$739,534	35.5%
August	\$672,274	\$643,978	\$650,899	\$532,692	-18.2%
September	\$577,213	\$586,882	\$880,060	\$696,112	-20.9%
October	\$575,551	\$647,787	\$692,571	\$652,946	-5.7%
November	\$577,693	\$582,925	\$573,477		
December	\$553,117	\$605,819	\$558,046		
Yearly Totals	\$7,528,746	\$8,312,605	\$9,138,690	\$7,375,405	
YTD Progress	\$6,397,936	\$7,123,861	\$8,007,167	\$7,375,405	-7.9%

Total Refunds	2020 =	\$132,162	2021 =	\$115,450	2022 =	\$169,800	2023 YTD Refunds =	\$134,833
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Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 11/06/2023

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

- Thank you to everyone who voted today! It is much appreciated in our City.
- The new accounting software will be up and running later this month. All departments are training currently.
- As we head into December purchasing will decrease and we will be reporting to the county if we need increases in any of our funds.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner *(No Report)*

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

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- Next committee meeting being held on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus Room.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger *(No Report)*

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SERVICE: Bob Boehner

- Special Council Meeting being held on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Purpose of this meeting will be to discuss possible stop sign at Dorian and Siebenthaler, traffic issues with the Classical Academy and future plans for the Classical Academy.

RECREATION: Scott Thamann

- Holiday Walk on Benson Street will be Saturday, December 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) ADOPTION OF THE 2023 HAMILTON COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (Second Reading)

Resolution was declared a second reading only.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A FIRE ENGINE AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT UPGRADES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Bishop, 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 a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-38

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Boehner moved to adjourn. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

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Dwight Daum
President of Council