

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2024 – 7:30 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mr. Mattscheck 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, Mrs. Kroeger, Mr. Thamann, & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Safety Service Director Patrick Ross, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Albrinck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve January 16, 2024 (Legislative) Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Bob Ashbrock (221 Walnut):

- (1) Asked if anyone on Council could name the City's Housing Officer which is in the McCluskey legislation that was passed on December 19. Urges Council to follow the stipulations of the passed legislation.
- (2) Expressed his concern about the legislation of the Koenig Park lights.

(2) James Shelton (2401 Carol Drive):

- (1) Doesn't have an issue with the legislation of the Koenig Park lights, he just has an issue with the priority of needs. Mr. Shelton mentioned the stadium track that also needs repair. He believes the community could have more time to consider legislation before it is passed.

Mr. Powell: Explained what the Emergency Clause verbiage in ordinances is for and the difference between that and the suspension of the rule requiring a second or third reading.

Mr. Boehner: Recommends all three readings to allow more time for planning etc.

Mrs. Kroeger: Pointed out that there is always going to be legislation that Council will need to pass and/or money that will need to be spent on certain projects that not everyone in the community will agree should be the top priority of Council.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes:

- Each year it is the Mayor's responsibility to report to City Council concerning the affairs of our City and recommend such measures as seem proper.

First, I want to say It remains an incredible honor for me to be the Mayor of our great City. Those who came before us established a strong foundation for us to build upon. We have Excellent City Services, Wonderful Churches, Excellent

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Schools, Productive Businesses, and Incredible Organizations that provide all of us that live in Reading with ample opportunities to do a wide variety of good things every day.

I want to thank my administrative team including Safety and Services Director Patrick Ross, Chief of Public Works Darrell Courtney, Fire Chief Todd Owens, Police Chief Brian Edens and Parks and Rec Director Susan Slavey. I also want to thank our Law Director Dave Stevenson, our Mayors Court Magistrate Kevin McDonough, our Court Clerk Kirk Terrell and our Police Department for running a fair and effective Mayors Court. And I want to thank each of our dedicated employees. We work very hard every day to provide the best possible City services with the resources we are given. We are all public servants working for YOU, our residents, our schools, our businesses and our organizations. All things being considered I am proud of what we accomplish through our City Departments and we will continue to strive to get better. By State Law we must live within our means and simply cannot spend more than the revenue we bring in. Therefore, it is a necessity that we operate as economically, efficiently and as effectively as we can. Our greatest strength in Reading is our willingness to all work together towards the goal of being as safe, as secure, and as vibrant as we can be. We must constantly support our departments and get them all we can afford to do their jobs and do them safely and productively.

I want to thank each of our elected and appointed officials for your willingness to serve. I am looking forward to working with each of you.

I am proud of our accomplishments in Economic development as payroll in our City has increased by over \$100 million dollars in the last 12 years which brings us over \$2 million in new earnings tax revenue each year. At the same time, we must remember that our costs to operate have also increased. Labor costs, Health insurance, equipment, vehicles, training, gas, salt and other items have all increased significantly. We have been working very hard for quite some time now to bring good paying jobs to the former Dow Chemical site as well as the former Nivison property and we are very close to accomplishing both goals. We have also been working with ODOT, Hamilton County, Amberly Village, Sycamore Township and Cincinnati for improvements on Reading Road south of Galbraith and progress has been made and will continue this year. While our Treasurers reports, and Fund balances look good at this moment I recommend we maintain balances that would help us continue to provide basic services for our residents in the event of challenging economic times in the future.

2023 was a very busy and productive year for our City with many major accomplishments including:

- . Restructuring our Fire Department replacing Asst Chief Paul Gallo who retired and adding three new Captain positions to address the growing responsibilities our Fire Department faces everyday as we service Arlington Heights with FD/EMS services and Amberly Village with EMS services
- . We hired outstanding new officers and a new Mayors Court Clerk for our Police Department replacing Kevin Poppe and Michele Naish who both retired and several others who left our department
- . City Council approved the hiring of two additional Public Works employees
- . We cooperated with MSD as they made major progress on storm water improvements that will reduce harmful pollutants from entering the Mill Creek
- . Working with the Port Authority we made major progress on bringing back much needed new jobs and revenue for our City on the former Dow Chemical property. This has been a very challenging project as we needed to get cooperation from EPA and millions of dollars to address the major environmental issues that project presented.
- . We sold the former Nivison property (which we acquired using a \$2.3 million dollar Job Ready Site grant) to Avecia which allowed us to put aside \$392,000 for future Economic Development. I want to thank our Chamber of Commerce and Reading Bridal district for all that they do
- . We continued to support in major ways the Mill Creek Alliance as we work with them to make major strides in restoring the water quality, vegetation, fish and wildlife to our Mill creek.
- . Using grant dollars we started mapping lead water lines that still exist in our City

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. We made very beneficial improvements in our parks including security cameras at Voorhees and Koenig parks as well as at our pool and fieldhouse. New picnic tables and bleachers at Koenig, new garbage and recycling cans and new pickle ball courts.

. Our DORA (designated outdoor refreshment area) was approved and went into effect.

. Our Police Department hosted another National Night Out where residents get a chance to meet our Officers and see the many resources that are available to us respond to calls for service.

. Our Valley Youth Organization had another outstanding festival. Our American Legion, Eagles, Kiwanis, Knights of Saint John, We Thrive and Historical society continue to serve our community very well.

. Our Community Improvement corporation, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Civil service Commission continue to serve our community very well.

In the days, weeks and months ahead I want to address issues and concerns with the following:

- The BUILDING DEPT
- Exterior Property Maintenance
- PARKS AND RECREATION
- City/Schools relations
- Stadium
- New Track
- Waterproofing Bleachers
- Black Top replacement at entry to stadium
- Continue forming a prioritized list of needed improvements
- New City Hall/Rec Center
- New facility for Fire department
- New facility for Police department
- Needed equipment for our departments and come up with a prioritized list (as best as possible)

We will keep you all up to date with progress on:

- . 2024 Paving projects including Maple Dr, Fuhrman, Koehler Ave, Landy Ln
- . Paving on Columbia from Reading Road to Lockland
- . SORTA Grant dollars will pay for half of Koehler, Landy and Columbia
- . SCIP grant dollars will pay for half of Maple Dr improvements

Some annual events coming up:

- VYO Memorial weekend festival on May 24, 25, 26 and 27
- Memorial Day Parade on May 27
- Our annual Easter egg hunt will be on March 30 at 10am at the Haffey Fieldhouse
- Pool sign ups will be on the 1st three Saturdays in May (May 7, 14 and 21) from 10am-noon at the Haffey Fieldhouse
- Our Pool is set to open on June 1 at noon
- Legion festival on June 29 and 30 with Fireworks at 10pm June 30
- The American Legions Ladies Auxiliary's TASTE of READING at Koenig Park on August 24
- Our annual Antique Car show in September
- Our Lady of the Valley SEPTEMBER FEST 9/14 and 15
- Our Reading Bridal districts annual "Fall in Love event" in September on Benson Street
- SPPA RUNNING SCARED in October
- RPD national Night out

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- Our Farmers Market every Friday from mid May through September
- If anyone has any questions or comments please call me at 513-509-8619 or email me at rbemmes@readingohio.org

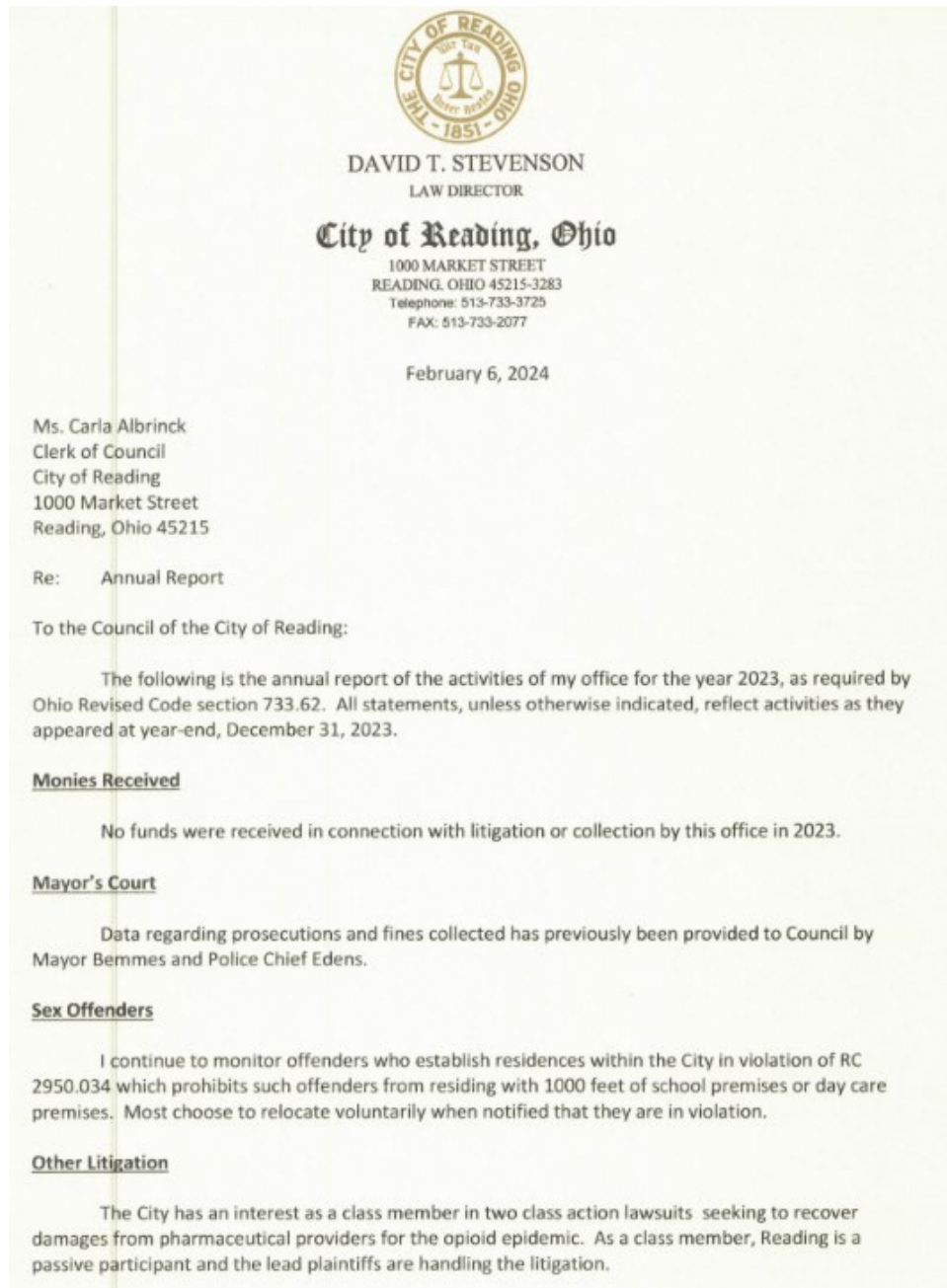
Hopefully we will have productive conversations on all the above and much more this year. And it is always important to me that we continue to thank God for the many blessings he has sent our way and pray that God continues to bless our Great Nation, our Great State, our Great City and each and every one of us

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross:

- Mayor and I attended OKI annual luncheon.
- Participated in Tri State Trails committee on Triangle Trail
 - There will be a meeting inviting the public to give input. Date, time, location to be set later.Tentatively sometime in April and possibly at Sharon Woods
- Contractor will be starting work soon on Columbia and Fuhrman Road.
 - Same contractor doing both projects
- Applied for Ohio DNR grant for strategic planting/replanting of trees on Reading Road
 - They are still reviewing applications, we should hear around the middle of February
- Worked with City's Mechanic Mark Elrod on a grant for up to \$75,000 to be used on new trucks that are used for snow/ice removal
- Followed up with my contact at Hamilton County regarding their building department operations. They are implementing an online permitting system and will begin testing it this month before going live middle to late spring.
- Mill Creek Alliance: Project which will be a modification of the Lowhead Dam at Mill Creek RM 12 near Ohio Ave. in Reading. Mill Creek Engineer (Stantec) study results show that no increase in water surface elevation is expected at the 100-Year flood event because of the installation of the proposed riffle adjacent to the dam
- Implementation of new payroll/finance system is ongoing.
 - Pension Processing has changed and made process of reporting and paying much simpler.
 - Working with software provider, payroll clerk, and Sabrina on fine tuning process and fixing errors
- Sent a letter opposing HB 296 which would increase the city's pension contribution for police
- Working on a new report from the Affordable Care Act. Goes into effect this year for reporting.
 - Lengthy, time-consuming new report.

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LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson:



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Potential and Threatened Litigation

In 2022, resident Don Lykins threatened litigation over several public record requests and other matters pertaining to his use of the VYO Haffey Fieldhouse. As of this writing, nothing has been filed. Attorney Joe Braun is handling matters pertaining to Mr. Lykins.

Other

Council, when necessary, will be asked to approve the employment of attorneys who may handle specific matters on an as needed basis. In the past, the following attorneys have handled matters involving Mayor's Court appeals and conflicts of interest, specific legal opinions on individual matters, land appropriations advice, and economic development. The list does not include others who consult directly with the Administration and Civil Service Commission on employment, collective bargaining, and civil service matters.

Daniel Utt
Matt Broo
John Meckstroth
Joe Braun

Other issues will be addressed as they arise.

Sincerely yours,


DAVID T. STEVENSON
LAW DIRECTOR

TREASURER: Brenda Owens

**City of Reading
2023 Year End 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	\$25,276	-60.5%
December	\$96,708	\$86,298	\$46,897	\$49,879	6.4%
Yearly Totals	\$1,307,953	\$1,228,857	\$1,234,007	\$1,197,833	
YTD Progress	\$1,307,953	\$1,228,857	\$1,234,007	\$1,197,833	-2.9%

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	\$76,898	386.8%
December	\$26,952	\$87,159	\$48,456	\$53,959	11.4%
Yearly Totals	\$537,579	\$699,835	\$1,462,520	\$860,041	
YTD Progress	\$537,579	\$699,835	\$1,462,520	\$860,041	-41.2%

Total Refunds 2020 = \$132,162 2021 = \$115,450

Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 01/02/2024

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	\$580,966	-4.1%
November	\$483,331	\$545,750	\$493,632	\$482,419	-2.3%
December	\$429,457	\$432,363	\$462,692	\$469,943	1.6%
Yearly Totals	\$5,683,214	\$6,383,913	\$6,442,162	\$6,475,316	
YTD Progress	\$5,683,214	\$6,383,913	\$6,442,162	\$6,475,316	0.5%

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	\$850,899	\$532,692	-18.2%
September	\$577,213	\$586,882	\$880,060	\$696,112	-20.9%
October	\$575,551	\$647,787	\$692,571	\$652,357	-5.8%
November	\$577,693	\$582,925	\$573,477	\$584,593	1.9%
December	\$553,117	\$605,819	\$558,046	\$573,781	2.8%
Yearly Totals	\$7,528,746	\$8,312,605	\$9,138,690	\$8,533,190	
YTD Progress	\$7,528,746	\$8,312,605	\$9,138,690	\$8,533,190	-6.6%

2022 = \$169,800 2023 YTD Refunds = \$666,149

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AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

1. Thank you to 7th Graders at SPPA for the thank you notes to all of Council and Administration. It is very appreciated!
2. New Computer System (VIP). On Friday, January 5, I went to the Service Department for the first training of what their job will consist of in the system. It is two items: Entering a Requisition and it Becoming a Purchase Order. Prompting Payment after their Purchase Order has been approved. This has taken a two step training because of approvals. After the Service Department I met with the Fire Department and Water Clerk. Patrick has been wonderful with all of his approvals. He has to approve the Requisition into PO and then the Payment Request. After his approvals, I have to approve the Purchase order being created and then approve the Payment Request and then make the check batch. We have a few more departments/people to train for various reasons, PTO, time off, doctor's appointment, but all of this should be completed in the coming weeks.
3. GAAP Financial Statement for 2023. This is what we do every year as a pre-audit and sent to the State of Ohio for approval and review. We work with Plattenburg to complete this. This will be a juggling act this year because 2023 has information in two systems. We have CMI and VIP (our new system). Everything was brought over to VIP, but it will be a learning curve on producing the reports that Plattenburg will want. Requests from Plattenburg are already flowing. They come in to me, and if I can produce them or they were given to me in 2023 I pass them over. A good chunk has to come from other departments in the City and then I coordinate getting them to Plattenburg. Some of our departments know them from working with them over the years and therefore gives Plattenburg information directly. All hands on deck. This is all due by March 15, 2024 to not prompt a late filing.
4. 2022 and 2023 Audit. A different team from Plattenburg has begun requesting items for 2022 for this. Again, this comes from every department within the City. They will be onsite March 4-8, 2024. They will focus on 2022 for this week. After this week then they will schedule a different week to focus on 2023.
5. Fixed Asset Listing for 2023.
6. Appropriations Adjustments for 2023. Council approved this in 2023 and now it needs entered into the new system. I have not had training on this yet but will need to do this before I can close 2023 down in VIP. Thanks to Patrick for completing the 2023 general fund and getting all the paperwork to the County. One of the many things he does each year.
7. Temporary Appropriations for 2024. Same thing as #7. Hopefully, this can be a twofold training with the 2023 year-end adjustments.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner

At our Finance Committee meeting on January 31st Matt Morgan, from our Service department, gave a report about the condition of the lights at Koenig Park. In addition to being obsolete, the poles are rotting and becoming a hazard. One pole has previously fallen. The Committee agreed that an Ordinance be drafted to use Covid Relief funds not to exceed \$300,000 to replace the lighting with modern equipment and poles.

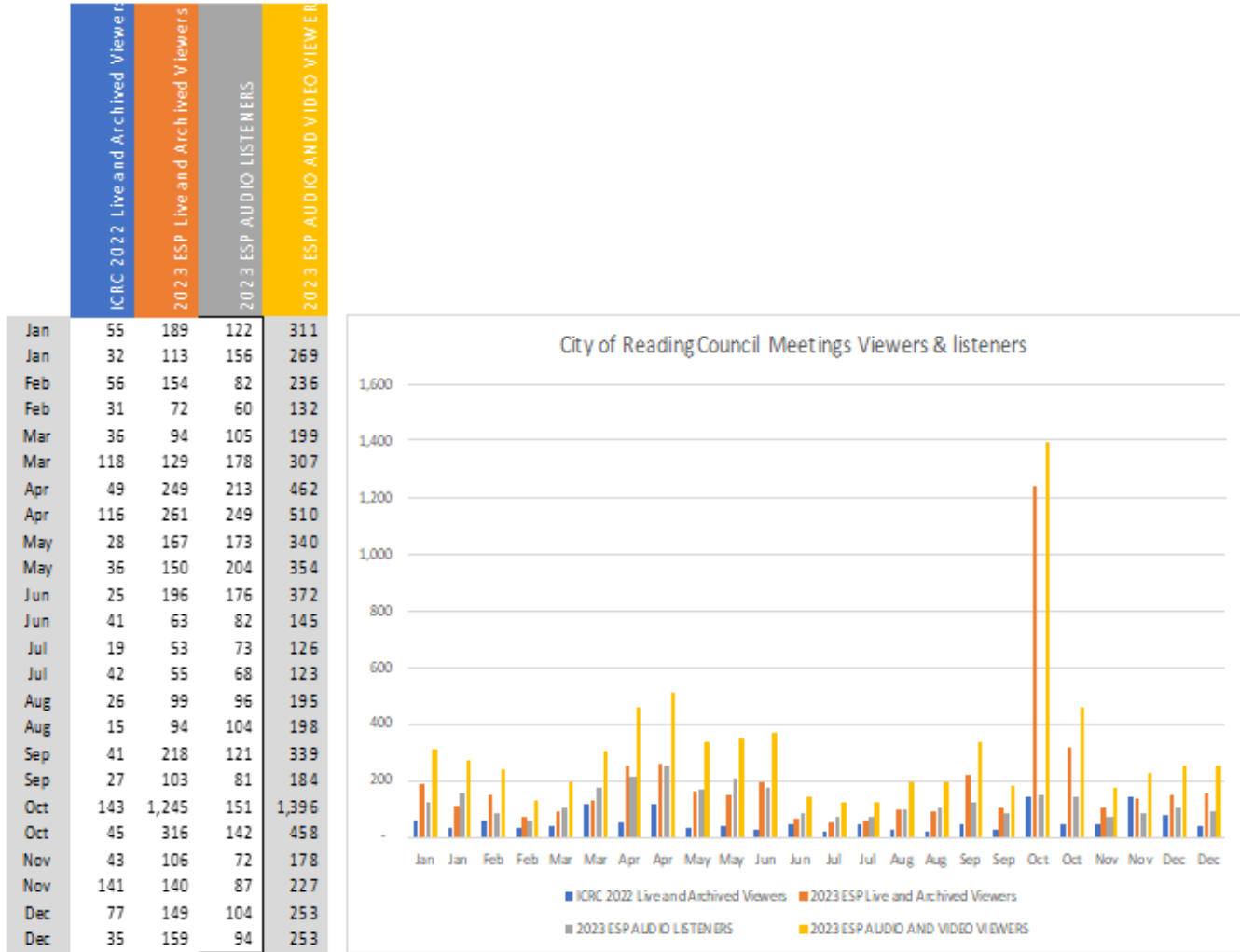
We also discussed improvements to Veterans Stadium. We have been quoted \$53,000 to remove the old sealant and reseal the concrete bleachers. New turf, track and fencing are also still under consideration. Our 240 Stadium Fund was last reported at \$191,972.

Last reported balances for other funds that could possibly be used for improvements are the 230 Streets and Curbs Fund \$976,969, the 340 Capital Improvement Fund \$767,191 and the 827 Sewer Service Fee Fund \$859,240.

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UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop

The following are statistics on viewership of the City Council meeting from the previous meetings. A comparison between 2022 and 2023. The cart is intended to simply show the number of total views of City Council meetings. In-person attendance is not indicated. Audio listeners in 2023 are included as well as a combined 2023 audience.



Stats Provided by Rob Ebel, ESP Media, LLC.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell (No Report)

- At the last council meeting I had a matter assigned to the committee I chair.

I received a letter from the McCluskey CFO that confirms the property is currently being used as a “Body Shop/Collision Repair operation”

My work schedule prevented me from visiting the site during normal business hours, however there is observed evidence on the site that appears to confirm that use.

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I also received a letter from the Reading Chief Building Official Dan Brooks that confirmed the legal non-conforming use of the property. Any expansion of that use will be required to conform to 1284.06 which allows for an expansion of the non-conforming use as long as the extension/enlargement does not exceed “25% of the land area covered by the existing non-conforming use and does not violate any yard or height requirements of the district in which it is located...” Approval for such an extension/enlargement must be approved by Planning Commission prior to the issuance of a building or zoning certificate.

He went on to state that after reviewing the preliminary proposal that was provided, they have met all of the criteria listed in Section 1284.06 of the Code and thus recommend approval.

It sounds like all parties involved are aware of what needs to occur prior to the issuance of building/zoning certificates.

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

I had a Laws and Contracts Committee meeting on January 23rd with Mr. Powell and Mr. Bronner in attendance. We discussed a few topics and things we would like to work on in the upcoming year.

We discussed the DORA expansion and I’ve sent the surveyor information to Patrick along with the areas that we would like added. I’m going to put together the list of included property addresses and I’ll send that on to Patrick when I have it completed. Then we can move forward with getting the area surveyed. I also sent the proposed expansion areas to Linda Fitzgerald, as well. We’ve not had any complaints about DORA and have heard only good things. It was successful and appreciated during the Holiday Walk. Personally, I have seen a few groups of people with DORA cups on the street while out shopping and I’m sure that will increase with warmer weather and now that Foley’s has reopened.

There was some discussion about the Property Maintenance ordinance that was voted on last year and issues with enforcement. I have a list of nuisance properties that those of us on council are often contacted about. I have not received any updates regarding these properties from our Building Administrator in quite some time. It was suggested that we invite Mr. Brooks to attend a council meeting.

My committee also worked on updating the Rules and Regulations Regarding Council Procedures. I’m still fine tuning some of the updates and working out some details and I’ll get those out to council to review once it’s completed.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger

Police Department run count for January, 2024

- Calls for service 939
- Auto Accidents 31
- Booking Original Charges 115
- Total Criminal Charges **154**

Citations Issued

- Hamilton County 10
- Arlington Heights 21
- Juvenile 0
- Reading Mayor’s 188

Total Citations 223

Fire Departments run count for January, 2024

- EMS Responses 214
- Fire Responses 58

Total Responses 272

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For the Police Department for the month of January, there were multiple runs for OVI, theft, domestic violence and auto theft. There were also several cars around the valley that had their windows busted out. As always, if you see something, say something. Nothing is too small to report. Please call 911 for immediate response and for non-emergencies, please call the county at (513)825-2280.

The Fire Department had a total of 3,042 runs for 2023, which is a 4% increase from 2022.

Next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

SERVICE: Bob Boehner

Reading Public Works Council Report February 6, 2024

City crew have been out patching potholes in the streets

The mulcher has been out collecting branches.

City crews are in the process of taking down Holiday Decorations

City crews have repaired several water main breaks throughout the City
Alwil Dr, Trillium Ct, West Crest Dr, East Crest Dr and (2) on West
Street also on East Benson as well as Dorian Dr, Fuhrman Rd and West
Vine St

City crews also repaired the roadways where the main breaks occurred

Crews were also called out for two snow events to throw salt on city
streets

City used approximately 350 ton of road salt on the two snow events

City crew repaired a solenoid valve at the Reservoir

City crews replaced a water pump at the pump house

City crew repaired the curbing on West St from the water main break

City crews rebuild a catch basin on West St, where a water main break
occurred that was underneath the basin

Complete maintenance check done on all the vehicles

RECREATION: Scott Thamann

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

- We will host our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the Haffey Fieldhouse.
- Reading Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m - noon. Participants should meet at either the

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small shelter at Koenig Park or the Sts Peter and Paul Cemetery.

- Sign-ups for pool memberships and swim lessons will begin on Saturday, May 4 from 10-noon at the Haffey Fieldhouse. We also have sign-ups on May 11 and May 18.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

- (1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR BOTH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ordinance was declared a first reading only

- (2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE KOENIG PARK LIGHTS REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Boehner voting “no”). Motion made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Boehner voting “no”).

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-05

- (3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL INC. FOR ENGINEERING AQUATIC DESIGN SERVICES FOR READING POOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Ordinance was declared a first reading only

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Kreoger moved to adjourn. Mr. Boehner seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

X _____
Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

X _____
Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council