

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 19, 2024 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President of Council, 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. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Albrinck

Mayor Bo Bemmes offered condolences to the family Rick and Karen Martin on the loss of their son.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve March 5, 2024 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion carried by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chief of Police, Bryan Edens

Gave presentation to Council regarding FLOCK Cameras in Reading

flock safety

**What we observe:
the current reality**

- **Limited Police Resources**
- **Crime is on the rise**
- **Trust is needed more than ever**

**What we believe:
the opportunity**

- **Technology multiplies the force**
- **Capture and distribute objective evidence to the right user**
- **Engage community to support and grow**

When you get Flock you get:

Flock Safety provides your police department with indiscriminate evidence from fixed locations. We provide all of the maintenance so that your police department and city staff can focus on keeping your city safe and prosperous.



INFRASTRUCTURE-FREE

Reduce time to value and utility costs with full-service deployment.



24/7 COVERAGE

Capture objective vehicle data around the clock to multiply your force.



REAL-TIME ALERTS

- NCIC
- NCMEC (Amber Alert)
- Custom Hot Lists



Ethically Made

- No people
- No facial recognition
- No traffic enforcement
- Indiscriminate evidence

What this IS

- License plate recognition
- Gathers objective evidence and facts about vehicles, not people
- Alerts police of wanted vehicles
- Used to solve crime
- Adheres to all state laws

What this is NOT

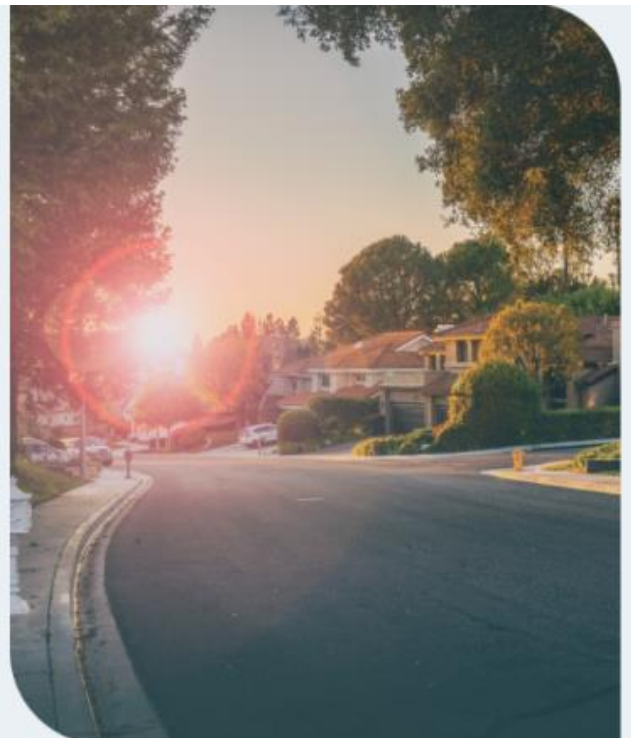
- Not facial recognition
- Not tied to Personal Identifiable Information
- Not used for traffic enforcement
- Valid Law Enforcement reason to search
- Data not stored beyond 30 days → *automatically deletes every 30 days*

Protecting Privacy

- Footage owned by Agency/City and will never be sold or shared by Flock
- 30 day data retention, then deleted
- Short retention period ensures that all data not associated with a crime is automatically deleted & unrecoverable
- Takes human bias out of crime-solving by detecting objective data, and detecting events that are objectively illegal (ex. Stolen vehicles)
- All data is stored securely in the AWS Cloud, and end to end encryption of all data
- Search reason is required for audit trail
- NOT facial recognition software
- NOT predictive policing
- NO PII is contained in Flock
- NOT used for traffic enforcement
- Not connected to registration data or 3rd party databases (Carfax, DMV)
- Transparency Portal (optional)

How does this technology prevent and eliminate crime?

- **Proactive:** Real time Alerts when stolen or wanted vehicles enter your city
- **Investigative:** As clearance Rates increase, crime rates decrease
- Flock cameras serve as a **deterrent**



AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

Tim Wilkinson –

Questioned if the logging of the FLOCK camera information will be brought to Council and communicated?

Chief Edens Response: Quarterly reports will be provided and will be given to Shelly Kroeger's report that she gives during Council meetings. The reports will detail the reason the officer's are running reports and what the outcome is.

Tim Wilkinson: Trash along the railroad tracks has been cleaned up and it looks great – thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY & SERVICE DIRECTOR PURCHASE AND INSTALL FOUR FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Second Reading)*

Motion made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mr. Boehner to suspend the rule that requires a third reading. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bronner to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-11

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Katie Eadicicco: Regarding the Community Development Block Grant. I think we should each take a minute here to throw out our top suggestions for the possible grant money before we have the public hearing next month. For starters, my top 2 are the acquisition of blighted properties and public facilities and improvements – mainly the stadium.

1. I can think of 3 blighted properties off the top of my head that this grant money could be used to purchase and demolish. These are properties that have been or should have been condemned and are well beyond repair. They're a safety hazard, and a blight on the neighborhoods.
2. As far as the stadium goes, we all know this has long been a topic of conversation and we've discussed improvements to the facility in the past. There has been talk of redoing the field, including making it regulation soccer size, which I think is important. I'm not a sports person, but I've been to a lot of games because of my kids. Years ago, it was all about turf, but it seems like more and more fields are going back to grass and I'm good with that, but I do know the field needs work. Again, I'm no expert and I only know what I'm told by players, but our field has a lot of weeds and a high arch to it. Considering the cost of turf, I think it would equal out to be about the same to regrade the field, enlarge its size, reseed or sod, and add irrigation. But again, I'm no expert here.

And redoing the track is badly needed. The track is not only used by residents and our schools for practice, but other schools are using our track for practice as well. I know that we have folks from Glendale coming here to use the track for youth teams. As I've said in the past, our stadium is a place where we welcome visitors from all over and this is what gives them the impression of Reading. Frankly, and I'm not just saying this as someone with a daughter on the track team, but there are spots on the track that are unsafe. Because of this, we can't hold track meets at the stadium.

I think other means of funding should also be investigated for improvements. It would also be worth looking into handrails and ADA accessibility. I know we made improvements to the bathrooms and there has also been talk of replacing the fencing and creating a more inviting entrance.

Whether we use the CDBG grant on the stadium or not, I think now is the time to move forward with some plans and improvements at the facility.

Bob Boehner – Purchase new playground equipment at Flege Park.

Scott Thamann’s Response: Grant money available for Flege park equipment replacement and that will be sought after.

Andy Bronner – City offices will be closed on March 29 (including Tax Office)
Next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on March 27 @ 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

Dave Powell: Next Zoning, Planning and Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. Will attempt to get the proposed changes to the Zoning Codes back on track.

Bob Boehner: Next Service Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Shelly Kroeger: Non-Emergency Number for the County that will get you to the Reading Dispatch: 513-825-2280.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council