

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
JUNE 18, 2024 – 7:30 PM**

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

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 & Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bronner to excuse Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Albrinck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve June 4, 2024 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

Bob Ashbrock (221 Walnut Street): Mentioned the April 16, 2024 Council Minutes were not published to the City website. Clerk of Council, Carla Albrinck, confirmed she would get it uploaded immediately. Minutes were updated to the website before the meeting concluded.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- May 2024 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursement Report

~ 101 Bench warrants Issued, 338 Cases Heard & \$17,366.00 Collected

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND EQUIP SAME.

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A NEW WOOD CHIPPER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE 340 CAPITAL FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Chief of Public Works, Darrel Courtney, and Chief Mechanic, Mark Elrod, addressed Council and answered questions regarding previously passed ordinances for Service Department Equipment purchases.

Mr. Bronner mentioned that we allocated funds through an ordinance in July of 2022 to buy a used chipper for \$87,000.00.

Chief Mechanic, Mark Elrod, clarified that the Service Department refurbished Leaf Vac in August 2022 for \$40,000.00. Both Mark and Darrel Courtney confirmed neither one of them received the passed ordinance to purchase the used chipper. Mr. Elrod also pointed out that this is typically a 6 or 7 year, reoccurring purchase, and this is now year 11. It was determined that the 2022 funds were never used. Law Director, Dave Stevenson clarified that if the funds were not spent in 2022, the funds go back into the General Fund, and a new ordinance, like the one being presented this evening, would be needed. Mr. Boehner mentioned that the price is only good through July 6, 2024.

\$210,000.00 was allocated in February of 2023 for 2, 10-ton Dump Trucks for the Service Department. The trucks were ordered with the passed ordinance, but no money spent yet. Mr. Elrod was told that delivery of the trucks is scheduled for August 2024. It is the manufacturer who has been prolonging this process (things were delayed about 9 months). They (International Engine Corporation) have a copy of the passed 2023 ordinance and won't start the building process without it. Since the \$210,000.00 was not spent in 2023, another, new ordinance for the purchase of the 2, 10-ton Dump Trucks is needed.

\$162,000.00 was allocated April of 2024 for a 5-ton Dump Truck. It has been purchased and it's expected to be here by November 2024.

Chief of Public Works, Darrel Courtney informed Council that the Service Department is in need of a Street Sweeper. The one they'd like to purchase is a TEMCO 600 for \$374,500.00. It's looking like a year out before the truck would get to the Department after purchase. Their goal with a purchase like this is to ensure it will be around for 20 years.

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Katie Eadicicco: Laws & Contract meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Caucus room.

Bo Bemmes: Columbia Avenue Traffic pattern heading westbound on Columbia Avenue at Reading Road will be changed to a right turn only in the right lane. The middle lane will be straight or turn left. This will be posted and marked.

The Hunt Road Pier Wall project between Fuhrman and Waxwing will begin June 24. Hunt Road will be closed entirely between Fuhrman and Waxwing for 54 days and will reopen by August 16.

Maple Drive precon meeting will happen very soon and the project to follow shortly after (\$1.4 million project, half paid for by grants). An antiquated 3 inch wall water main will become an eight inch brand new water main.

MSD Storm Sewer project on Reading Road has been at odds with the railroads. MSD has to be given permission to continue work from the railroads. Chief Darrel Courtney communicated to Administration earlier in the day that it has been ironed out and hopefully within the next couple weeks, that project will be completed.

Our American Legions festival ("Carnival") will be held on June 28, 29 and 30 at Koenig Park with our fireworks going off at 10 pm on Sunday, June 30. **PLEASE** support our American Legion. They need members and they need folks to become involved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mrs. Kroeger, and was seconded by Mr. Boehner. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council