

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
MARCH 18, 2025 – 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, Mr. Thamann & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve March 4, 2025 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Gerry Stoker (City of Reading, Building Inspector) – Introduced himself to Council and answered questions.

Mr. Boehner asked about vacant homes in Reading and the Fees schedule.

- Mr. Stoker suggested we adopt the International Property Maintenance Code.
- Mr. Stoker also suggested implementing a Vacant Building Licenses, which requires owners of unoccupied properties, not being marketed and are vacant, to get a "Vacant Building License."
- Mr. Stoker confirmed that Reading runs the same fees schedule is the same as Hamilton County.

Mr. Powell asked about any modernizations in the office and the office hours

- Mr. Stoker confirmed that they've updated the application (too cumbersome) made it more user friendly.
- Hours 8-5pm. If a building needs inspection, it occurs within 24 hours.

Mrs. Eadicicco will send the list of ongoing issue of vacant properties to Mr. Stoker.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Bryan Rack – Would like to see the City of Reading Facebook page Profile Picture updated.

(2) Mark Haufle (1313 Carol Ann Lane) – Agrees with making Reading Road safer, but disagrees with one lane each way. This will increase traffic & cause back-ups. He would prefer to see we keep it to 2 lanes.

Mayor Bo Bemmes called a public meeting for 6:30 pm in Council Chambers on April 1 for public input, questions, concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) January 2025 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursement Report

~ 198 Bench warrants Issued, 510 Cases Heard & \$19,656.00 Collected

(2) Letter from Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control



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Mike DeWine, Governor Jim Tressel, Lt. Governor Sherry Maxfield, Director

March 12, 2025

CLERK OF READING CITY COUNCIL
1000 MARKET ST
READING, OHIO 45215

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES
Objections to Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit

Dear Clerk of Legislative Authority:

All Class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages in your political subdivision will expire on **June 1, 2025**. To maintain permit privileges, every retail permit holder must file an online renewal application with the Division.

Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271(B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the renewal of a retail permit and to request a hearing. The hearing may be held in the county seat where the permit premises is located if that specific request is made in writing. This will be your only opportunity to object to the renewal of a liquor permit premises which might be a problem in your community.

To register a valid objection with the Division of Liquor Control and request a hearing, the legislative authority must pass a resolution that specifies the problems at the liquor permit premises and the legal grounds for the objection as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.292(A). We suggest that a separate resolution be passed for each permit premises. The Chief Legal Officer of your political subdivision must also submit a statement with the resolution that, in their opinion, the objection is based on substantial legal grounds within the meaning and intent of Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.29(A).

The resolution and Chief Legal Officer's statement must be emailed to liquordocs@com.ohio.gov or mailed to the Division of Liquor Control, Attn: Legal Section, 6606 Tussing Road, P.O. Box 4005, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005 and postmarked no later than **May 2, 2025.**

You may wish to contact the law enforcement agency for your jurisdiction to determine if it has any information which will aid in your decision whether to object and request a hearing. You can find retail permit holders within your jurisdiction by going to com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo. Select the "find a permit holder" tab and click on the "search" link. Then, enter your city/township name where asked and "issued" under "class issue status." For more information on other ways to deal with problems establishments, including a copy of the text of this letter, go to com.ohio.gov/govhelp.

If you determine that there are no permit premises within your jurisdiction that you wish to object to, you do not need to take any further action. The renewal applications for those premises will be submitted by the permit holders and will be processed by the Division as appropriate.

If you have questions, please contact the Legal Section at liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov. FYI, OPAL, our new online licensing system is coming this summer, for more information sign up for our emails at com.ohio.gov/stayinformed.

DOLC Licensing Section

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF READING, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HALF TON PICKUP TRUCK WITH AN 8 FOOT BED, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-12

(3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MAINTENANCE PICK UP TRUCK WITH AN 8.5 FOOT ALUMINUM CANOPY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-13

(4) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A SUPER M BACKHOE WITH A STANDARD BUCKET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-14

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Bo Bemmes – Congratulated Gage Murphy on his State Wrestling win.

Bob Boehner –

Reading Public Works Council Report March 18,2025

City crews have been out patching potholes in the streets throughout the city

City crews helped in flashing of the Fire Departments new training facility and has been completed

City crew are trying to repair the furnace at the Haffey Field House or replacing the furnace to be determined

City crews have cleaned the pressure line at the pump house

City street Sweeper has been out cleaning streets

additional 600 ton of salt has been ordered from Morton Salt and has arrived

All the soccer goals have been moved and in place for the coming season at the different locations in the valley and hilltop area

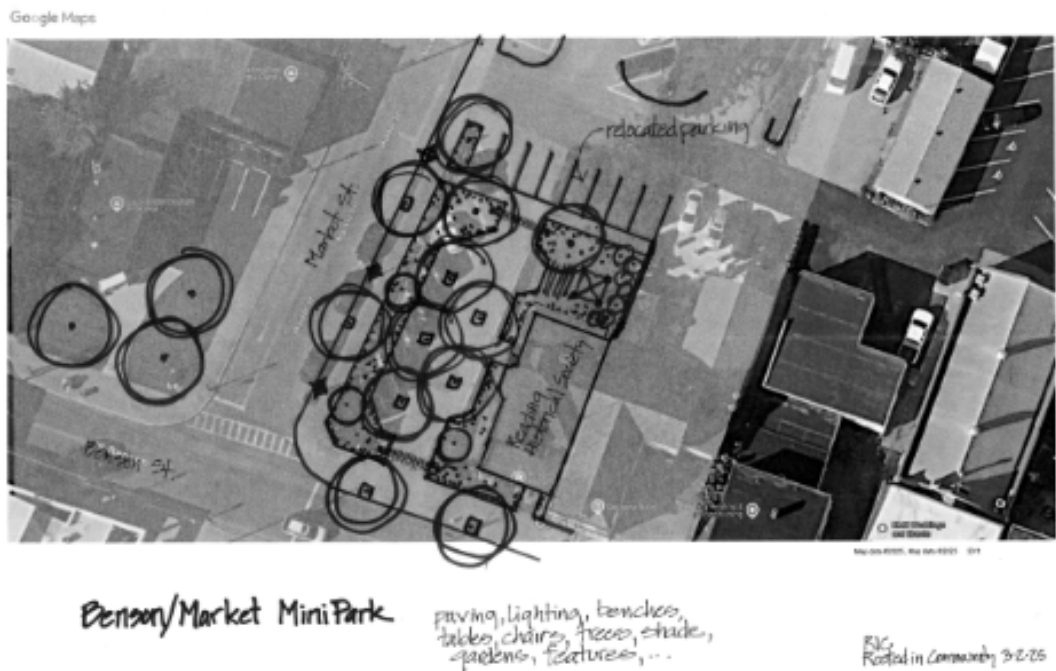
City crew replaced a wooded fence at the quite park on the north side that needed attention

City crews repaired a water hydrant on East Benson near Fourth St

City crews repaired a water main break on Dorian Dr

City crews are painting the outside doors at the stadium

Mark Bishop – Held an open discussion with Council regarding conceptual drawing from the Rooted in Community group.



ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mrs. Kroeger, and was seconded by Mr. Bohner. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

X _____
Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council