

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
MAY 6, 2025 – 7:30 PM**

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

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:

Safety Service Director Patrick Ross, Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Albrinck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve April 15, 2025 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mr. Kroeger, seconded by Mr. Bishop carried by voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

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

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross:

- Harvest Lane Bid Opening 5/8
- Maple Drive Update
- SCIP/ISSUE 2
- Maple-1.2mil
- East Crest/Crestmont/W. Crest to Keith 1.6 Mil
- Zoning/Property Maintenance Software Work Ongoing
- OBC Board Meeting/Health Insurance Renewal
- Koenig Park Project Update
- Bridal District Event Date Change 9/11 → 9/4
- Pool Sign Ups Next 2 Saturdays
- VYO Festival 5/23-5/26 Parade 5/26
- Thank you to Clean Up Day Volunteers
- Congrats to all graduates of Reading, MND, and residents attending other schools
- Electric Aggregation Opt Out Notices
- Our Police Department was recognized by Lexipol, the leading provider of solutions that empower performance

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excellence in Public Safety. This is the 6th consecutive year that our excellent Police Department received the Gold award, which is the highest ranking possible.

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

TREASURER: Brenda Owens

City of Reading
April 2025 Income Tax Receipt Summary
With Prior Years Comparison

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 24 to 25
January	\$79,333	\$97,988	\$140,011	\$107,314	-23.4%
February	\$37,035	\$62,179	\$73,859	\$63,674	-13.8%
March	\$131,391	\$120,959	\$127,546	\$133,559	4.7%
April	\$457,756	\$441,112	\$479,159	\$501,122	4.6%
May	\$102,421	\$73,112	\$73,028		
June	\$107,043	\$117,960	\$80,804		
July	\$28,939	\$35,819	\$29,749		
August	\$36,571	\$34,271	\$62,099		
September	\$78,608	\$86,325	\$77,164		
October	\$63,966	\$52,893	\$47,668		
November	\$64,047	\$25,276	\$66,383		
December	\$46,897	\$49,879	\$130,517		
Yearly Totals	\$1,234,007	\$1,197,773	\$1,387,987	\$805,669	
YTD Progress	\$705,515	\$722,237	\$820,575	\$805,669	-1.8%

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 24 to 25
January	\$689,143	\$699,906	\$721,376	\$667,033	-7.5%
February	\$441,735	\$483,701	\$495,911	\$565,608	14.1%
March	\$434,394	\$477,447	\$561,572	\$561,705	0.0%
April	\$752,396	\$701,491	\$733,139	\$732,277	-0.1%
May	\$534,911	\$480,917	\$502,943		
June	\$470,151	\$475,836	\$585,100		
July	\$501,087	\$671,451	\$561,747		
August	\$591,928	\$459,951	\$547,775		
September	\$464,052	\$491,289	\$546,441		
October	\$606,041	\$580,966	\$575,534		
November	\$493,632	\$482,419	\$539,195		
December	\$462,692	\$469,943	\$605,426		
Yearly Totals	\$6,442,162	\$6,475,316	\$6,976,158	\$2,526,623	
YTD Progress	\$2,317,667	\$2,362,545	\$2,511,998	\$2,526,623	0.6%

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 24 to 25
January	\$48,907	\$21,712	\$72,579	\$95,461	31.5%
February	\$24,719	\$17,868	\$30,745	\$56,538	83.9%
March	\$210,097	\$100,690	\$58,593	\$58,013	-1.0%
April	\$274,272	\$231,557	\$162,557	\$222,222	36.7%
May	\$42,806	\$13,048	\$26,006		
June	\$399,300	\$136,640	\$143,130		
July	\$15,804	\$32,265	\$70,851		
August	\$22,399	\$38,469	\$56,349		
September	\$337,399	\$118,498	\$108,430		
October	\$22,564	\$18,497	\$16,253		
November	\$15,798	\$76,898	\$57,636		
December	\$48,456	\$53,959	\$45,256		
Yearly Totals	\$1,462,520	\$860,101	\$848,385	\$432,234	
YTD Progress	\$557,994	\$371,826	\$324,474	\$432,234	33.2%

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 24 to 25
January	\$817,383	\$819,606	\$933,966	\$869,808	-6.9%
February	\$503,488	\$563,747	\$600,514	\$685,820	14.2%
March	\$775,881	\$699,095	\$747,711	\$753,278	0.7%
April	\$1,484,424	\$1,374,159	\$1,374,855	\$1,455,621	5.9%
May	\$680,137	\$567,077	\$601,977		
June	\$976,494	\$730,436	\$809,034		
July	\$545,830	\$739,534	\$662,347		
August	\$650,899	\$532,692	\$666,223		
September	\$880,060	\$696,112	\$732,034		
October	\$692,571	\$652,357	\$639,455		
November	\$573,477	\$584,593	\$663,214		
December	\$558,046	\$573,781	\$781,199		
Yearly Totals	\$9,138,690	\$8,533,190	\$9,212,530	\$3,764,527	
YTD Progress	\$3,581,176	\$3,456,608	\$3,657,047	\$3,764,527	2.9%

Total Refunds	2022	\$169,800	2023	\$666,149	2024	\$104,275	2025 Refunds =	\$47,417
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Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 05/05/25

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AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

**City of Reading
Monthly Statement of Cash**

As Of: 4/30/2025

Funds: 1101 to 9999

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Bal.	MTD Increases	MTD Decreases	Ending Bal.
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$1,066,969.25	\$2,441,644.98	\$734,801.36	\$2,773,812.87
1220	CITY EARNINGS TAX	\$6,439,460.39	\$1,455,620.83	\$2,145,014.01	\$5,750,067.21
1801	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	\$11,621.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,621.13
1827	SEWER SERVICE FEE	\$684,162.14	\$65,014.00	\$6,501.40	\$742,674.74
1835	ACCRUED SICK & VAC PAY	\$16,324.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,324.46
2210	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$909,560.53	\$110,592.39	\$58,425.80	\$961,727.12
2215	STATE HIGHWAY	\$324,189.11	\$8,966.95	\$0.00	\$333,156.06
2222	MAYORS COURT COMPUTER	(\$2,288.20)	\$3,812.00	\$1,095.93	\$427.87
2223	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$14,221.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$14,306.00
2225	EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT	\$77,818.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,818.78
2230	Streets & Curbs	\$778,681.04	\$113,518.45	\$0.00	\$892,199.49
2245	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$84,397.54	\$154.00	\$550.00	\$84,001.54
2260	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE	\$273,629.76	\$0.00	\$2,850.00	\$270,779.76
2265	ALCOHOL EDUCATION	\$12,715.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,715.28
2275	MUNICIPAL ROAD	\$11,653.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,653.63
2401	FEMA	\$201,643.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$201,643.84
2501	COVID RELIEF FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3430	GENERAL SINKING	\$5,102.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,102.95
3432	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	\$384.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$384.72
4240	STADIUM	\$203,847.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$203,847.76
4242	FIRE/EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$811,909.24	\$44,445.55	\$19,933.19	\$836,421.60
4243	POLICE & FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4340	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$736,849.77	\$225,694.45	\$378,192.90	\$584,351.32
4341	STADIUM TRACK IMPROVEMENT	\$273.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.85
4343	GROWTH FUND	\$149,288.56	\$6,501.40	\$0.00	\$155,789.96
4370	READING ROAD DEV	\$494.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$494.70
4380	OPWC SCIP	\$2,306.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,306.02
5433	WATER NOTE	\$728.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$728.23
5605	WATER	\$90,539.53	\$175,978.66	\$135,607.67	\$130,910.52
5608	WATER TRUST	\$147,991.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147,991.71
8825	SEWAGE DISP TRUST	\$1,387,424.65	\$249,760.42	\$295,826.31	\$1,341,358.76
9999	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$51,267.94	\$499,713.74	\$497,593.43	\$53,388.25
Grand Total:		\$14,493,169.31	\$5,401,502.82	\$4,276,392.00	\$15,618,280.13

The Auditor's Office has made a \$2 million transfer from the 1220 to the 1101. We did not make a transfer in the 1st Quarter of 2025.

The Mayor's Court Computer Fund (2222) was running at a deficit after their purchase of new computer software. It is now solvent with a balance of \$427.87.

The Water Fund (5605) has been covering the monthly bills for the purchase of water from Cincinnati Water Works at under \$140K per month.

Still working with the Audit team to fulfill requests. The filing is due at the end of May 2025 for the State of Ohio.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner

Under finance, we are considering 2 ordinances tonight to purchase equipment for the Fire Department. The first is to purchase a used ambulance for an amount not to exceed \$32,000 and the second ordinance is to purchase a power cot and load system to be installed in the acquired ambulance not to exceed \$72,000. Both expenditures would be made from the Fire/EMS Capital Improvement Fund.

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I would also like to report (unless Sabrina beats me to it) that a previously approved 2-million-dollar quarterly transfer from the City Earnings Tax Fund to the General Fund was made for the second quarter. Also, there was no transfer made in the first quarter.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop

Next committee meeting will be Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

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

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

Next Laws and Contracts Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM in the Caucus Room.

Also, there's been renewed chatter about the stadium and the condition of the field and track, as well as the condition of the practice field. I'd like to revisit this issue and possibly renew discussions with the school and the possibility of improvements and even ownership. I know this has been an ongoing topic of discussion and is something that is important to a lot of the citizens of Reading and those who use the field and track. I've always said that our stadium draws people from all over to our city and I do agree that improvements are needed, and the stadium could be a welcoming venue for our city and/or our school.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger

Police Department run count for April, 2025

· Calls for service	1089
· Auto Accidents	26
· Booking Original Charges	118
· Total Criminal Charges	168

Citations Issued

· Hamilton County	5
· Arlington Heights	25
· Juvenile	0
· Reading Mayor's	126

Total Citations 156

Fire Departments run count for April, 2025

· EMS Responses	188
· Fire Responses	61

Total Responses 249

For the Police Department for the month of April, there were multiple runs for OVI, theft, domestic violence, disorderly conduct, drug possession and fraud. 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.

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- Personnel grilled lunch for the Clean-Up Reading participants at Voorhees Park.
- Members participated in the Reading Elementary School Carnival held in the school parking lot.
- Attended child's birthday party at Koenig Park.
- Station/equipment tour conducted for the Reading High School history class.

SERVICE: Bob Boehner

Reading Public Works Council Report May 6,202

City crews have been out cleaning catch basins

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

City crew has been out cleaning streets with the new Tymco 600 street sweeper (it works absolutely Fabulous)

City crews have repaired the concrete work at all the locations where water main breaks have occurred throughout the city and are also in the process of replacing lead water lines

Service Department participated in (touch a truck) at the Reading High School parking lot April 26, 2025

All restrooms are open at the athletic fields throughout the city

City crews have been mulching the tree beds on Reading Rd

City crews have been replacing side walk blocks along Reading Rd that were trip hazards

City crews have been trenching electric line for conduit at Koenig Park for the new lighting being installed by Atkins & Stang Electric throughout the park before Memorial Day

City crews have been painting the soccer fields throughout the city

City crews have been trimming bushes back on city properties

Repaired catch basin 7900 block of Reading Rd

City crews have installed a new big diving board at the city pool

RECREATION: Scott Thamann

Sign-ups for season passes to the pool began this past weekend. We will continue to host sign-ups for the next two Saturdays (May 10 & 17) at the Haffey Fieldhouse from 10:00 am - noon. You can still buy passes after the 17th, but not at the discounted rate. The pool season officially opens on May 31 at noon, and the first session of swim lessons begin on June 2.

The Farmers' Market returns, beginning Friday, May 16 from 4:00-7:00 pm, every Friday until Aug. 29. The market will be

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at the corner of Reading Rd and Vine St.

Lastly, beginning on May 23, come join us at Koenig Park for our annual VYO Memorial Day festival, including games, rides, food, and drink. Furthermore, we will be hosting a men's softball tournament and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. On Monday, May 26, the parade will start at 9:00 a.m. Beyond great family fund, this is the biggest fundraiser for VYO, so please join us while we support the kids and squeeze in a little fun in the process.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Boehner has received multiple complaints about young children riding electric scooters/quad runners in the streets at night. This is an accident waiting to happen.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF ORDINANCES:

***(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A USED
TYPE I AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (First Reading)***

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-20

***(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE AN AMBULANCE
POWER COT AND LOAD SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
(First Reading)***

Motion made by Mr. Bishop, 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 Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-21

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Kroeger moved to adjourn. Mr. Boehner seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council