

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Pro-Tem, Katie Eadicicco called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President of Council, Pro-Tem, Mrs. Eadicicco 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 & Clerk of Council Carla Bronner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve September 2, 2025 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES:

**(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN BID
SPECIFICATIONS TO REPLACE THE CURBS AND PAVING ON OBSERVATORY AVENUE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bronner, to table the ordinance until December 2025.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE TABLED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Bo Bemmes: Tonight, we would like to offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family of Rob Huneck. Rob was a dedicated Public Servant who spent 39 of his 60 years on this earth working very hard every day to serve our residents, businesses, schools and organizations with a positive attitude as a member of our outstanding Public Works Department. Rob will be very much missed by many of us and I feel that it is worth noting that between himself, his brother Rick, his 1st cousins Steve Greiner and Jim “Bimbo” Rack that they served our City’s Public Works Department for a combined 132 years.

Our Reading Historical Society will hold their annual Settlement Day Dinner on October 11 with Dennis Albrinck, Barb Hutzl and Valley Pest control being recognized.

We ask everyone to SLOW DOWN as you drive and keep an eye out for our young students as they try to make their way to and from school.

I want to again thank the many volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents and in many cases a lot of money to serve the youth of our community as volunteers

We were awarded \$105,000 in MRF funds that we will use to repave Hunt Road from Fuhrman to Blue Ash. The Harvest Lane Road project will begin mid-August with sewer repairs; new curbs and the street will be widened where possible with half of the total cost being paid for using hard earned SCIP Grant dollars.

We were awarded another SORTA grant for \$385,000 to pave Jefferson Avenue from Koehler to Reading road

I want to thank our Reading Chamber of Commerce and our Reading Bridal district for all that they do to help keep the businesses that we have and their help in attracting new businesses to locate here.

Please get to know your neighbors and look out for them and call 911 immediately if you see any suspicious or illegal activity.

Please sign up for emergency alerts and warnings from Hamilton County Alert and Smart 911 at AlertHC.org

Please continue to pray for all who are in need

Call me at 513-509-8619 with any questions, comments or concerns

Dave Powell: Gave remarks regarding an email Council received regarding hunting in Reading, at specific properties only. Bo Bemmes commented that our Law Director, Dave Stevenson, opposes this, and Bo Bemmes opposes this as well, especially considering how difficult it would be to manage. Shelly Kroeger commented that Chief Edens provide information from other cities that allow this, obviously there are many rules and licensing that is required. Bo Bemmes requests that we loop Mr. Stevenson into this conversation.

Report from Sabrina Smith (Absent):

City of Reading
Monthly Statement of Cash

As Of: 8/31/2025		Include Inactive Accounts: No			
Funds: 1101 to 9999					
Fund	Description	Beginning Bal.	MTD Increases	MTD Decreases	Ending Bal.
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$793,922.02	\$2,239,779.92	\$1,182,552.04	\$1,851,149.90
1220	CITY EARNINGS TAX	\$7,746,286.49	\$598,442.02	\$2,937,151.37	\$5,407,577.14
1801	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	\$11,621.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,621.13
1827	SEWER SERVICE FEE	\$599,105.41	\$50,000.00	\$135,190.00	\$513,915.41
1835	ACCURED SICK & VAC PAY	\$16,324.46	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$166,324.46
2210	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$901,117.01	\$77,665.83	\$108,057.99	\$870,724.85
2215	STATE HIGHWAY	\$358,813.21	\$15,180.98	\$0.00	\$373,994.19
2222	MAYORS COURT COMPUTER	\$3,702.49	\$1,213.00	\$1,153.86	\$3,761.63
2223	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$14,451.00	\$123.00	\$0.00	\$14,574.00
2225	EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT	\$77,818.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,818.78
2230	Streets & Curb	\$675,835.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675,835.65
2245	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$84,797.54	\$0.00	\$495.00	\$84,302.54
2260	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE	\$257,155.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$257,155.37
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	\$201,283.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$201,283.84
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	\$205,547.76	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$206,547.76
4242	FIRE/EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$781,035.83	\$57,259.88	\$73,423.45	\$764,872.26
4243	POLICE & FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4340	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$523,465.36	\$250,000.00	\$35,337.56	\$738,127.80
4341	STADIUM TRACK IMPROVEMENT	\$273.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.85
4343	GROWTH FUND	\$157,527.28	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$657,527.28
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	\$267,148.30	\$189,717.21	\$183,728.32	\$273,137.19
5608	WATER TRUST	\$143,887.99	\$0.00	\$1,872.33	\$142,015.66
8825	SEWAGE DISP TRUST	\$1,388,545.79	\$246,737.26	\$220,344.07	\$1,414,938.98
9999	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$31,371.84	\$755,598.30	\$732,351.92	\$54,618.22
Grand Total:		\$15,274,424.11	\$5,132,717.40	\$5,611,657.91	\$14,795,483.60

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mr. Boehner, and was seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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Carla Bronner
Clerk of Council

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Katie Eadicicco
President of Council, Pro-Tem