

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 4, 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:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Bronner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve October 21, 2025 (Legislative) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bronner carried by voice vote.

SWAERING IN CEREMONY: Chief Edens gave an introduction and Mayor Bo Bemmes provided the oath of office to Officer Milan Schilling

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Email of Support for Dog Park from Valerie Grein:

Reading Council Members,

I am a strong supporter of a dog park in our Reading community. As a dog owner and visitor of dog parks in our surrounding areas, having one within our city would be such an asset. A dog park would provide a place for owners and dogs to socialize and build social bonds while providing a place for physical activity. Establishing a dog park would enhance Readings values of livability and recreation especially with the proposed walking trail. I feel it offers another way to strengthen our community both in spirit and body. This would be another desirable amenity that makes Reading a great place to live. - Valerie Grein

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes:

- Tonight Milan Schilling will be sworn in as the newest member of our Police Department.

- I want to thank everyone who stepped up to run for a position in our City Government or for our School Board.

- On October 28 our Fire/EMS Department invited retirees of their department to a luncheon at City Hall. It was great to see so many of our OUTSTANDING former Fire/EMS employees that are all a huge part of why our Safety Services are second to none.

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- On October 29 representatives of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority were at City Hall to produce a video of all that has been involved with the development of a former chemical facility that was dilapidated, full of contaminants, grossly underutilized and an eyesore and nuisance for our City. Thanks to the Port this property is now going to receive over \$215 million dollars in new investment from an incredible company (Givaudan) that will bring over 300 new jobs to our City with substantial new revenue for our City and our Schools.
- Our Reading Fire Departments annual turkey raffle will be held on November 21 and 22 starting at 7pm both nights at the Haffey Fieldhouse. The proceeds from the raffle supplement operational expenses, training and fire prevention/safety education programs.
- Our Public Works Department will begin winterizing our Parks starting November 3rd which means our restrooms will be shut down until the threat of freezing temperatures passes us next spring. Leaf pick up started and will continue until we prepare our City trucks for snow/ice removal usually early in December. Please do not park in front of your leaf pile and please do not put leaves in the street.
- Our Reading Fire/EMS Department is offering CPR and AED Training on Saturday November 8 from 10am till 11:30am in our City of Reading Council Chamber. The cost for certification is \$20. Class size is limited to 25 people and is only for residents of Reading, Arlington Heights and Amberly Village. Find out more on our Fire Department web page readingfdohio.org
- Our annual Christmas tree lighting and Crib Dedication along with the annual Holiday Walk will be on December 6.
- 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.
- Please get to know your neighbors and look out for them and call 911 immediately if you see any suspicious or illegal activity.
- Please continue to pray for all who are in need. Our Chief of Public Works Darrell Courtney is recovering from a very serious surgery and is doing well and is still in need of our prayers.
- Call me at 513-509-8619 with any questions, comments or concerns

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross: *(Absent, No Report)*

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

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TREASURER: Brenda Owens

City of Reading
October 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	\$45,617	-37.5%
June	\$107,043	\$117,960	\$80,804	\$103,558	28.2%
July	\$28,939	\$35,819	\$29,749	\$18,836	-36.7%
August	\$36,571	\$34,271	\$62,099	\$39,350	-36.6%
September	\$78,608	\$86,325	\$77,164	\$71,634	-7.2%
October	\$63,966	\$52,893	\$47,668	\$84,036	76.3%
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	\$1,168,700	
YTD Progress	\$1,123,063	\$1,122,618	\$1,191,087	\$1,168,700	-1.9%

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	\$546,264	8.6%
June	\$470,151	\$475,836	\$585,100	\$645,009	10.2%
July	\$501,087	\$671,451	\$561,747	\$578,310	2.9%
August	\$591,928	\$459,951	\$547,775	\$544,493	-0.6%
September	\$464,052	\$491,289	\$546,441	\$541,657	-0.9%
October	\$606,041	\$580,966	\$575,534	\$584,812	1.6%
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	\$5,967,167	
YTD Progress	\$5,485,837	\$5,522,954	\$5,831,537	\$5,967,167	2.3%

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	\$29,170	12.2%
June	\$399,300	\$136,640	\$143,130	\$148,898	4.0%
July	\$15,804	\$32,265	\$70,851	\$59,569	-15.9%
August	\$22,399	\$38,469	\$56,349	\$14,598	-74.1%
September	\$337,399	\$118,498	\$108,430	\$158,586	46.3%
October	\$22,564	\$18,497	\$16,253	\$50,267	209.3%
November	\$15,798	\$76,898	\$57,636		
December	\$48,456	\$53,959	\$45,256		
Yearly Totals	\$1,462,520	\$860,101	\$848,385	\$893,322	
YTD Progress	\$1,398,266	\$729,244	\$745,494	\$893,322	19.8%

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	\$621,052	3.2%
June	\$976,494	\$730,436	\$809,034	\$897,460	10.9%
July	\$545,830	\$739,534	\$662,347	\$656,715	-0.9%
August	\$650,899	\$532,692	\$666,223	\$598,441	-10.2%
September	\$880,060	\$696,112	\$732,034	\$771,877	5.4%
October	\$692,571	\$652,357	\$639,455	\$719,115	12.5%
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	\$8,029,186	
YTD Progress	\$8,007,167	\$7,374,816	\$7,768,117	\$8,029,186	3.4%

Total Refunds	2022	\$169,800	2023	\$666,149	2024	\$104,275	2025	Refunds =	\$99,212
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Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 11/04/25

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

The Auditor's Office will be moving \$2 Million from the 1220 - CET to the 1101 - General Fund. This is a part of the ordinances passed earlier this year. We only needed 3 of the 4 transfers for 2025.

We will also be catching up on the group of transfers for the 1220 - CET to the 2230 - Streets & Curbs, the 8825 – Sewage Disp Trust to the 1827 – Sewer Service Fee, and the 1827 – Sewer Service Fee to the 4343 – Growth Fund.

All payables will need to be completed by Thursday, December 18. This allows Patrick and I to get what is needed for the Appropriation Adjustments together for Council and ultimately the County for approval.

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**City of Reading
Monthly Statement of Cash**

As Of: 10/31/2025

Funds: 1101 to 9999

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Bal.	MTD Increases	MTD Decreases	Ending Bal.
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$1,523,214.76	\$253,723.20	\$956,517.26	\$820,420.70
1220	CITY EARNINGS TAX	\$6,158,077.77	\$721,010.12	\$38,684.46	\$6,840,403.43
1801	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	\$11,621.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,621.13
1827	SEWER SERVICE FEE	\$513,915.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$513,915.41
1835	ACCRUED SICK & VAC PAY	\$166,324.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,324.46
2210	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$851,376.68	\$63,052.31	\$65,478.16	\$848,950.83
2215	STATE HIGHWAY	\$380,270.18	\$5,112.35	\$106,416.23	\$278,966.30
2222	MAYORS COURT COMPUTER	\$5,097.73	\$815.00	\$4,039.97	\$1,872.76
2223	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$14,649.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$14,684.00
2225	EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT	\$77,818.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,818.78
2230	Streets & Curbs	\$675,835.85	\$0.00	\$165,602.99	\$510,232.86
2245	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$83,990.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,990.54
2260	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE	\$261,102.87	\$20,791.50	\$21,500.00	\$260,394.37
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	\$206,547.76	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$239,547.76
4242	FIRE/EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$806,861.47	\$41,116.13	\$62,204.87	\$785,772.73
4243	POLICE & FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4340	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$913,567.34	\$24,136.44	\$0.00	\$937,703.78
4341	STADIUM TRACK IMPROVEMENT	\$273.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.85
4343	GROWTH FUND	\$657,527.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$657,527.26
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	\$298,801.19	\$202,768.80	\$165,061.06	\$336,508.93
5608	WATER TRUST	\$141,628.04	\$5,550.00	\$3,514.44	\$143,663.60
8825	SEWAGE DISP TRUST	\$1,661,188.41	\$252,479.80	\$454,255.22	\$1,459,412.99
9999	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$55,303.29	\$487,664.07	\$490,067.79	\$52,899.57
Grand Total:		\$15,699,663.14	\$2,111,254.72	\$2,533,342.45	\$15,277,575.41

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner *(No Report)*

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop *(No Report)*

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

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco *(No Report)*

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger *(No Report)*

SERVICE: Bob Boehner *(No Report)*

RECREATION: Scott Thamann

- The Fire Department will host their annual Turkey raffle at the Haffey Fieldhouse on Nov. 21st and 22nd.

It's a great cause and a really fun event. Please join us.

- The annual Holiday Walk on Benson St will be on Saturday, Dec. 6

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MILL CREEK TRIANGLE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-43R

READING OF ORDINANCES:

**(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH HYDE PARK LANDSCAPING AND BEST FENCE CINCINNATI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY DOG PARK, AND NOT TO EXCEED \$64,000.00.
(Third Reading)**

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-44

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH BENSON DEVELOPMENT, LLC AS OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-45

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Boehner moved to adjourn. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Carla Bronner
Clerk of Council

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council