

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2026 – 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, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger, & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Mayor Bo Bemmes to Swear in Clerk of Council, Carla Bronner

READING POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

Chief of Police, Bryan Edens presented the "Officer of the Year" award to Rick Ellison:

Reading Police Department

Officer of the Year Award – 2025

This certificate is formally and proudly presented to

Officer Rick Ellison

In recognition of your exceptional dedication, unwavering professionalism, and exemplary commitment to the mission of the Reading Police Department. Throughout the year **2025**, you have consistently demonstrated the highest standards of law enforcement, integrity, and service.

Your outstanding work ethic, leadership, and compassion toward the community have not only strengthened public trust, but also set a standard of excellence for your fellow officers. Whether responding to critical incidents, assisting citizens in need, or supporting your peers, you have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Your dedication reflects great credit upon yourself, the Reading Police Department, and the City of Reading. It is with sincere appreciation that we acknowledge your contributions and celebrate your achievements.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve December 23, 2025 (Special) & January 1, 2026 (Inauguration) Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Bob Ashbrock (221 Walnut):

(1) Stated that “the current posted Rules of Council for the City of Reading describe that a meeting’s agenda will be posted to the City’s website on the minutes tab 72 hours prior to meetings. The rules further state that regular meetings occur on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Meetings can be rescheduled if they happen to fall on a holiday, anything else would be considered a special meeting.” Mr. Ashbrock further stated that “the meeting on the 23rd of December had been announced multiple times having as its purpose considering legislation to adjust the appropriations.” Mr. Ashbrock was surprised at the fact that resolutions regarding the bond issue were discussed, voted on at that particular meeting. He advised Council that “this matter which is generating a significant amount of public debate that the highest degree of transparency be exhibited moving forward, and that adequate notice on all such meetings be properly posted. The City has multiple means at its disposal for doing so. It’s got its official website, which should be the number one place to look, and it also has its official Facebook page. It has the ability to put special notices in the water meter billing and so on. So, again, I would urge caution in ensuring that the public has the opportunity to weigh in on all these matters of great public importance.”

(2) Mr. Ashbrock went on to “address next, the issue of an August 5 (2025) executive session, that was, in my opinion, irregularly called, because a motion was made for an executive session by Katie and then seconded without the Council member specifically describing the reason for the executive session. It was later described by the President of Council, who is not a Council Member, but rather a member of the administration. It was later clarified by the President that the purpose for the meeting was to discuss the acquisition of property for a public purpose. That is in fact one of the eight reasons that are permitted by Ohio revised code for retiring to executive session. But I would say that the fact that there was no prior public discussion about the need for a firehouse, or a new administration building, and yet it appears that those items were blended into the executive session discussion. My contention is the scope of the executive session went far beyond what would otherwise have been permitted. I am reluctant to mention, because this is certainly not a personal matter, but the discussion that was held privately, involved property owned by the City of Reading and by the school district. As it turns out, Mr. Thamann is a direct employee of the school district, and as such his presence as part of that discussion, I believe presented a conflict of interest. So, moving forward, I would hope that Council will put on the breaks, go slow on this whole matter, allow for ample opportunity for public input before even considering the placement of this matter on the ballot.”

Response from Mayor Bo Bemmes:

- The change of dates of the meeting in December was talked about multiple times. Nobody did anything to try and hide anything, or violate anything. We’re as transparent as we can be. That meeting was moved for a reason that has been done every year since 2000. We wait until that last payroll so we can accurately reflect our financial statements for a year. Mr. Bemmes pointed out that Mr. Ashbrock is familiar with this last meeting of the year change of date since he was a part of it for many of his years while on Council.

Response from Shelly Kroeger:

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- Pointed out that Mr. Ashbrock's issue was that Council discussed the resolutions to send the numbers to the County. It was Mrs. Kroeger's understanding that the regular Council meeting got changed to the 23rd.

President of Council, Kevin Mattscheck further clarified that, "It was supposed to be originally stated 'a special meeting moved for appropriations and everything else in any other City business that needs to be discussed' and that was stated very clearly." Mr. Mattscheck pointed out that the resolutions were given to Council late, but that audience participation was added back into the agenda so that if anybody had anything to comment they could. Council didn't have the resolutions days before. Audience participation was added back into the agenda after we received the resolutions, because we felt it was reasonable for the public to have input on it if they wanted to.

Shelly Kroeger's continued response to Mr. Ashbrock's comments:

- "As far as the executive session is concerned, you should have no idea what was discussed in executive session."

Mr. Ashbrock spoke out from the crowd, "You described it at last week's meeting."

Katie Eadicicco's response: "Not what we discussed in the meeting. No." Mrs. Eadicicco went on to clarify that the ordinances and resolutions that were on there is what was discussed at the meeting.

Mrs. Kroeger further explained that Mr. Boehner was asking about price at the last meeting, and that Mr. Ashbrock didn't say anything about price in his comments.

Mr. Ashbrock continued to speak out from the crowd, "You can infer what was said during the meeting."

Mrs. Kroeger added, "If somebody was telling you what was said in executive session, you could infer that."

President of Council, Kevin Mattscheck, added, "So that's a major question. How you found out. I would not have guessed everything you said up there from what he stated in that meeting." Mr. Mattscheck went on to comment on the allegations Mr. Ashbrock made regarding Mr. Thamann, pointing out that we have our Law Director, Mr. Stevenson, who we run everything by.

Mrs. Eadicicco responded that she had the latest rules and regulations governing Council procedure, and she didn't see anywhere in there where it says the agenda is to be posted 72 hours ahead of Council. She also doesn't remember, prior to being on Council, that the agenda needed to be out 72 hours ahead of time then, either. She further went on to say that she shares the agendas on her Facebook page as soon as they're sent out, but sometimes the agenda is delayed because we're waiting on a quote, or numbers change, we're waiting to hear back from somebody, Ordinances get sent out, changes are made and then they get resent.

Bob Boehner response:

Expressed his frustration with the last meeting of the year. The last two years Council is bombarded with 15 ordinances on that special Council meeting. His frustration continues to be explained with how everything needs to be passed at that last meeting, and there's no second or third reading – everything's an emergency. If it's such

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an emergency, then it should be distributed to Council the first week in December. He points out that he's not talking about Sabrina & Patrick's ordinances, he's "just complaining about all the last minute stuff that gets tossed onto a special Council meeting when we're only here to straighten up our finances for the end of the year."

Shelly Kroeger response:

"But Kevin just said, it was also presented to us "and any other city business that needs to be addressed."

Bob Bohener stated, "I think that's a bad practice. When you call a special Council meeting, you should call for X, Y, Z and that's it. That's the way it was always done. It was never that little caveat, that any other ordinances that be brought up, that was never used until recently."

Law Director, Dave Stevenson spoke up to say, "Bob, that's been used for years."

Bob Boehner replied, "Well we've never used it here, we've never had to."

Mr. Mattscheck added, "I follow what the Law Director tells me."

Dave Powell's response: The resolutions that we on the Agenda for the December 23, 2025 meeting should not have been a surprise to anyone on Council. We were aware that was going to be forthcoming and would likely be for our second meeting in December. We also were aware that there would be another step after that if we were to choose to put a bond issue on the ballot.

Clerk of Council, Carla Bronner confirmed that nowhere in the Rules of Council does it state a 72 hour rule for posting anything. While she appreciates Mr. Ashbrock's passion, and welcomes his continued presence and participation during Audience Participation, better accuracy with his claims is appreciated for the future.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

66 Bench warrants Issued, 230 Cases Heard & \$14,055.00 Collected

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes:

Tonight, at our City Council Meeting our Reading Police Department will be honoring Rick Ellison as our Police Officer of the Year. Rick has been an outstanding member of our Police Department for over 25 years and words couldn't describe how appreciative that I and many others are for his incredible dedication and service to our community.

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I want to thank our Public Works Department for their awesome efforts to keep our roads safe and clear for all of us. We as a City are very fortunate to have incredible Police, Fire/EMS and Public Works Departments that serve us all very well every day.

ODOT will be hosting a meeting on January 28 at 7:00pm in our Council Chambers about their proposed traffic calming plans for Reading Road. ODOT told us, 3rd different times, that they will have their web page with all updated details for all to review by Friday January the 9th . Please come and listen to their proposals as they initiated these changes and are planning to spend approximately \$3 million dollars on Reading Road to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. Please bring your questions, comments and concerns. ODOT will be sending letters to all property owners along Reading road soon.

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

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

TREASURER: Brenda Owens:

City of Reading
December 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	\$74,229	11.8%
December	\$46,897	\$49,879	\$130,517	\$45,375	-65.2%
Yearly Totals	\$1,234,007	\$1,197,773	\$1,387,987	\$1,288,304	
YTD Progress	\$1,234,007	\$1,197,773	\$1,387,987	\$1,288,304	-7.2%

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	\$661,935	22.8%
December	\$462,692	\$469,943	\$605,426	\$518,050	-14.4%
Yearly Totals	\$6,442,162	\$6,475,316	\$6,976,158	\$7,147,153	
YTD Progress	\$6,442,162	\$6,475,316	\$6,976,158	\$7,147,153	2.5%

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	\$2,299	-96.0%
December	\$48,456	\$53,959	\$45,256	\$52,632	16.3%
Yearly Totals	\$1,462,520	\$860,101	\$848,385	\$948,252	
YTD Progress	\$1,462,520	\$860,101	\$848,385	\$948,252	11.8%

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	\$738,463	11.3%
December	\$558,046	\$573,781	\$781,199	\$616,057	-21.1%
Yearly Totals	\$9,138,690	\$8,533,190	\$9,212,530	\$9,383,706	
YTD Progress	\$9,138,690	\$8,533,190	\$9,212,530	\$9,383,706	1.9%

Total Refunds	2022	\$169,800	2023	\$666,149	2024	\$104,275	2025 Refunds =	\$128,186
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Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 01/05/26

NOTES:

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(1) Payroll withholding is down from 2024 due to holiday bonus withholding from some employers coming in December of 2024, but not in December of this year.

(2) Individual is down from 2024 due to the “Failed to File” notices going out in December last year vs. November this year.

(3) The net profit differences, as last month, are mainly due to timing of payments. The total for the quarter was down, but much more comparable.

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

Still working on closing December. I will get reports out to you as soon as I have them. Tonight you will have the four ordinances that usually come in the beginning of the year to allow us to move \$2 Million from the CET to the General Fund for normal payables. These ordinances get pulled during the Audit that is why we ask for them to be voted on for the first meeting of the year. You also have another ordinance to modify appropriations for the general fund. There were some expenses that needed modified.

City of Reading
Monthly Statement of Cash

As Of: 11/30/2025

Funds: 1101 to 9999

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Bal.	MTD Increases	MTD Decreases	Ending Bal.
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$820,420.70	\$187,095.32	\$774,161.23	\$233,354.79
1220	CITY EARNINGS TAX	\$6,840,403.43	\$738,462.75	\$53,191.86	\$7,525,674.32
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	\$848,950.83	\$64,711.60	\$58,402.48	\$855,259.95
2215	STATE HIGHWAY	\$278,966.30	\$5,246.89	\$0.00	\$284,213.19
2222	MAYORS COURT COMPUTER	\$1,872.76	\$1,053.00	\$396.76	\$2,529.00
2223	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$14,684.00	\$198.00	\$0.00	\$14,882.00
2225	EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT	\$77,818.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,818.78
2230	Streets & Curbs	\$510,232.86	\$0.00	\$87,918.40	\$422,314.46
2245	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$83,990.54	\$160.00	\$2,255.00	\$81,895.54
2260	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE	\$260,394.37	\$18,309.18	\$0.00	\$278,703.55
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	\$239,547.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$239,547.76
4242	FIRE/EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$785,772.73	\$50,704.91	\$3,408.63	\$833,069.01
4243	POLICE & FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4340	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$937,703.78	\$0.00	\$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	\$336,508.93	\$197,300.28	\$278,604.35	\$255,204.86
5608	WATER TRUST	\$143,663.60	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$144,963.60
8825	SEWAGE DISP TRUST	\$1,459,412.99	\$252,699.10	\$222,976.34	\$1,489,135.75
9999	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$52,899.57	\$479,737.99	\$480,476.12	\$52,161.44
Grand Total:		\$15,277,575.41	\$1,996,979.02	\$1,961,791.17	\$15,312,763.26

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner

City of Reading - Road projects and repayments schedule by street name, followed by the yearly repayment amount and then the last year of the payment.

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Waxwing \$14,233.08 - 2031, Jefferson \$34,101.50 - 2032, Krylon/Trillium \$18,372.50 - 2033, Voorhees/Willow \$15,973.70 - 2034, Julie Terr \$5,194.34 - 2035, Alwil \$12,322.46 - 2037, 5th & Flora \$7,122.50 - 2036, Leonard \$4,826.06 - 2036, Brown \$6,997.50 - 2036, Bolser \$11,133.88 - 2038, Benson \$7,061.24 - 2038, Galbraith \$9,791.28 - 2038, Benson \$93,590.00 - 2029, Hunt \$21,275.00 - 2042, Thurnridge \$48,858.74 - 2042, E. North St \$739.94 - 2051, Third St \$21,327.36 - 2053, Maple \$21,130.52 - 2055, Fuhrman \$10,616.06.

Jefferson from Kohler to Reading road is a SORTA/METRO Transit Infrastructure Fund project. A grant pays 50% of the cost. The City's 50% responsibility is estimated to be \$386,500.00 and will be paid in 2026.

There are 2 other projects whose payments begin in 2027. Harvest is estimated at \$12,800.00 and East Crest is estimated at \$27,500.00 both to be paid yearly until 2056.

The City's yearly cost for road projects in 2026 is \$751,167.66. The projected year-end balance of The Streets and Curbs Fund is \$130,832.34.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop

Requested that residents bring specific questions to the ODOT meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

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

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

I will be having a Laws and Contracts committee meeting on Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 PM in the caucus room.

I would like to start looking into hiring a full-time grant writer and gathering information. This would possibly be a position that would apply for grants in addition to the grants that our chiefs and economic developer apply for. That said, I would like to research this position to see if it would be worth creating for our city.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger:

Police Department run count for December, 2025

<i>Calls for service</i>	<i>1,071</i>
<i>Auto Accidents</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Booking Original Charges</i>	<i>94</i>
<i>Total Criminal Charges</i>	<i>151</i>

Citations Issued

<i>Hamilton County</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Arlington Heights</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Juvenile</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Reading Mayor's</i>	<i>96</i>

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Total Citations **118**

Year End Totals

<i>Calls for Service</i>	<i>13,278</i>
<i>Auto Accidents</i>	<i>407</i>
<i>Booking of Original Charges</i>	<i>1,208</i>
<i>Total Citations Issued</i>	<i>2,008</i>

Fire Departments run count for December, 2025

<i>EMS Responses</i>	<i>214</i>
<i>Fire Responses</i>	<i>58</i>
Total Responses	272

Year End Totals

<i>EMS Responses</i>	<i>2,503</i>
<i>Fire Responses</i>	<i>612</i>

(0.8% decrease from 2024 total of 3,142)

For the month of December

Packages stolen from front porch, Disorderly conduct, Auto theft from Lakeshore Apartments, Vibes bar after hours alcohol use, OVI, Assault, Threat made toward Reading Schools & Theft from UDF.

SERVICE: Bob Boehner:

Reading Public Works Council Report January 6,2026

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- City crews have been cleaning catch basin tops during recent rains.
- Doors have been replaced at the fieldhouse, fire department office and city garage
- City crew trimmed brush back from walking path along Haffey Fields and Koenig Park.
- Roadway signage repairs have been ongoing
- City crew repaired a guardrail on Fuhrman Rd
- Crews repaired a leaking backflow device at the fieldhouse and cleaned and reset a number of water shut off boxes.
- City crews salted all the bridges and over passes
- City crew repaired water main break at Jefferson & Reading
- City crews have been picking up brush and leaves
- City crew repaired a water service line leak at 418 Pearl St
- City crew removed old curtains from Council Chambers and replaced them with new blinds and will continue into the main office
- City crew repaired water leak on Dorian Dr and Alwil Dr
- City crews have made asphalt repairs throughout the city .
- City crews were out for the snow events
- City has ordered 400 ton of road salt at \$86.70 per ton at a cost of \$34,680.00

RECREATION: Scott Thamann:

Minimum wage increased so an upcoming ordinance to reflect that change will be forthcoming.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Boehner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to move the Skyworks discussion into Mr. Powell's committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

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REARRANGED COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- **Finance: Chairman, Andy Bronner**, members Mrs. Kroeger & Mr. Boehner
- **Utilities, Lands & Buildings: Chairman, Mark Bishop**, members Mrs. Eadicicco & Mr. Powell
- **Zoning, Planning & Environment: Chairman, Dave Powell**, members Mr. Thamann & Mrs. Eadicicco
- **Laws and Contracts: Chairwoman, Katie Eadicicco**, members Mr. Powell & Mr. Bishop
- **Public Health & Safety: Chairwoman, Shelly Kroeger**, members Mr. Bronner & Mr. Thamann
- **Service: Chairman, Bob Boehner**, members Mr. Bishop & Mr. Bronner
- **Recreation: Chairman, Scott Thamann**, members Mr. Boehner & Mrs. Kroeger

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco, to accept these new committee's for the 2026-2027 tenure.
Motion carried by voice vote.

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 & PAVING ON OBSERVATORY AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

**(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE TRANSFERS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00
FROM THE CITY EARNINGS TAX FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 – MARCH 31, 2026,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-01

**(3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE TRANSFERS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00
FROM THE CITY EARNINGS TAX FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM APRIL 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026,
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 Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to adopt the ordinance.
Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-02

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2026 – 7:30 PM**

**(4) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE TRANSFERS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00
FROM THE CITY EARNINGS TAX FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM JULY 1, 2026 – SEPTEMBER 31, 2026,
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 Mr. Bronner to adopt the ordinance.
Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-03

**(5) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE TRANSFERS NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00
FROM THE CITY EARNINGS TAX FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM OCTOBER 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31,
2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-04

**(6) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING 2025
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-05

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Kroeger moved to adjourn. Mr. Thamann seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Carla Bronner
Clerk of Council

X _____
Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council