

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012
READING CITY HALL**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR DONIHUE AT 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Everett, Wheeler, Donihue, and Briggs were all present. John O'Donnell, Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, and Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer Roll call found Councilor Cook absent.

GUEST:

Bruce Caswell (State Senator 16th District), Terry Vear (Hillsdale County Senior Services Center), Mark Wiley (Candidate for District 3 Commissioner), Mary Jo Pattie, and Betty Blount.

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to approve the minutes of the January 10,, 2012 Council Meeting. Carried 4-0

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Everett moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for January 2012. Carried 4-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS-OPERATING BILLS:

Briggs moved, Everett seconded to approve the payment of the Pre-Paid Bills in the amount of \$45,813.59 and the Unpaid- Bills in the amount of \$11,978.50 both of which total to \$57,792.09. Carried 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried 4-0

GUEST:

At this time 6:36 p.m. Councilman Dale Cook did arrive to the Meeting.

Mark Wiley did address the Council stating that he intends to run for District 3 Commissioner this fall. District 3 includes Allen, Reading, Cambria and Camden Townships. Mr. Wiley stated that he served in the US Army and that someone is needed to attend the Meetings.

Terry Vear gave the Council the 2011 Annual Report for the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center. She stated that the Center's fiscal year runs from October to September.

Bruce Caswell did fill the Council in on what is currently going on in Lansing. Both the Senate and House have made changes to the Income Tax on Pensions and the Homestead Income Tax Credit He also stated that both the Senate and House are working on a Transportation Infrastructure Package. This has not been passed yet but could become law if and when they act.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Betty Blount did advise that the Chamber of Commerce is working on new ideas and activities for the up coming 50 Summer Festival.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City Manager did advise the Council of the need to upgrade the City’s Phone system and to clean up the Data Room. There were two Bids submitted by Contractor’s to do the needed upgrade. Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to contract with Tom Blank of Sabretech to install new phone system and clean up of Data Room in the amount of \$3,626.06.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue, and Briggs
Nays-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Everett moved, Briggs seconded for the Council to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2012 Assessments.

Carried 5-0

Everett moved, Briggs seconded for the Council to approve the contract with Domestic Harmony for 2012 in the amount of \$250.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue, and Briggs
Nays-0

Cook moved, Wheeler seconded to contract with KP Construction to build a 10’x 10’ Pole Building around the Lift Station Pump Controls at the Lilac Road Lagoon Facility in the amount of \$2,900.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue, and Briggs
Nays-0

Wheeler moved, Cook seconded to appoint Lila Rubel to a two year term as an alternate Board of Review member.

Carried 5-0

The Council was reminded of the up coming Presidential Primary set for Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

The next Council Meeting is set for March 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Wheeler moved, Briggs seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Carried 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John O’Donnell
Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer