

**READING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
READING CITY HALL**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

GUEST:

Betty Blount, Betty Cook, Ron Murphy, and Terry Vear

PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting.

Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Cook moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements.

Carried 5-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to pay the Monthly Operating bills in the amount of \$34,115.72.

Carried 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Carried 5-0

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ron Murphy of the Reading Rotary Club (soon to be the President of same) did address the Council. His topic was the new proposed Basketball Court to be built at Water Works Park. The Rotary has collected some \$9,000 of donated monies to help build the Basketball Court. The concrete for the Court may also be donated. Twi- Light of Hillsdale has donated two Lights for the Court. It was suggested that Ron and the Council go to Water Works Park and finalize their plans for the placement of the Basketball Court.

Betty Blount stated that the Reading Chamber of Commerce has joined hands with Michigan Back Roads. Anyone seeking information about Michigan Back Roads can go to their web site at

www.michiganbackroads.com.

The Spring Craft Show is set for March 19, 2011 (Saturday) at the Fire Barn.

OLD BUSINESS

The March Board of Review will take place on the following dates. Monday, March 14, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Monday, March 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

On Monday, March 28, 2011 the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance so as to bring the Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Cook moved Wheeler seconded to approve a transfer of \$5,000 from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund.

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

Cook moved, Briggs seconded to purchase a 20KW Genset Generator from Cummins Bridgeway, LLC for \$10,385 from the Sewer Fund.

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

The Council did discuss the existing Refuse Contract the City has with Town & Country Rubbish. This contract is do to expire April 30, 2011. It was felt that Town & Country has done a good job but the Council feels that the City should check with other Municipalities to see what they are doing. Republic Waste was brought up as a potential client as they offer Recycling and they have their own Land Fill. The City Manager stated that the Village of Jonesville and the cities of Hillsdale and Litchfield would like to negotiate together in an effort to lower the cost for all. At the next Council Meeting this matter will be addressed.

Duke Energy will be holding a Wind Energy Informational Open House Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.at Reynolds Elementary School Gymnasium.

The next Council Meeting is set for April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Terry Vear of the Hillsdale County Senior Services Center did advise the Council of the Centers past year’s activities and of the number of people serviced by the Center.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John O’Donnell
Chief Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

