

**READING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
READING CITY HALL**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Everett, Wheeler, Matthews, Donihue and Briggs  
Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer also present

**GUESTS:** Jack Randall, Arielle Matthews, Bob Jepson and Rob Cooley.

**PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE**

**Approval of Minutes**

-Wheeler moved, Matthews seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting April 10, 2018 as amended. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

-Donihue moved, Wheeler seconded to approve the April Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement as presented. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Payment of Operating Bills**

-Everett moved, Briggs seconded to pay the operating bills in the amount of \$112,548.49 drawn from the proper accounts. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Consent Agenda**

-Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried (5-0)

**Guest: Jack Randall, Reading Emergency Unit**

Jack Randall of Reading Emergency Unit was present to share with Council and Guests that the Hillsdale County Ambulance Association is requesting a county wide millage. The millage would be a renewal of .15 mills for capital equipment and an increase to the current operational millage from .25 to .85 mills.

**FIRST CALL TO PUBLIC:**

No Comments

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Donihue moved, Matthews seconded to Proclaim May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as "Poppy Days" for the American Legion Auxiliary. Carried (5-0)

-Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to increase the monthly rental rate for 107 S. Main from \$200 to \$225 a month.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Matthews and Briggs; Nays-Donihue

There was discussion in regards to the current rent on the location at 107 S. Main and the fact that the rent had not been increased at all in the 14 years that the existing rental agreement began. The City has done improvements to the corner foundation of the building, also, the City has painted the façade and removed the old material under the windows and added brick, as well as the city maintains snow removal of the walks and has also had repairs to the furnace and gas line in the past 14 years.

City Staff proposed to Council to repurpose the pole building located at 190 Michigan Street into a Community Pavilion and create that “sense of place”. Staff requested permission from Council to get cost estimates to replace the leaking roof, cleanup the current flooring to remove the old worn out tiles back down to concrete as well as other possible renovation ideas. Also, would like the go ahead to apply to the Planning Commission for a Special Use as that is not currently a permissible use in the downtown as well as permission on what materials can be used in regards to the Historic Overlay District. There was a lengthy discussion as to the possibilities of this proposed project and it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with cost estimates and what would be necessary to do with the Planning Commission.

-Briggs moved, Wheeler seconded to set a Budget Hearing as part of the June 12, 2018 regular meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried (5-0)

The 2018/2019 Budget Hearing will include discussion of Utility Rates, 2018 Property Tax Millage as well as a review of the Cemetery Rate Schedule and Misc. Rates Schedule.

Mayor Donihue reminded Council and guests that there will be a General Municipal election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 to elect one person to be Mayor and two people to the Office of Councilor. Petitions need to have at least 15 signatures, but no more than 25 and need to be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 4pm. Petition Packets are available at City Hall and can be picked up during regular business hours.

Donihue moved, Briggs seconded to approve the Budget Adjustments and Fund Transfers as outlined in the Clerk/Treasurer’s Memo dated May 8, 2018  
Roll Call Vote: Yeas- Everett, Wheeler, Matthews, Donihue and Briggs; Nays- None

## **SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC:**

No Comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Wheeler moved, Everett seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and will include the 2018/2019 Budget  
Hearing at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Blythe, City Manager/Clerk Treasurer