CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 5, 2022 – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER
President Mr. Daum called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Mr. Daum led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco.
Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Powell to excuse Mr. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Mayor Bo Bemmes, Safety Service Director Patrick Ross, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve March 15 (Legislative) & March 22 (Special Session) Council Minutes made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:
(1) Timothy Wilkinson (2239 Hunt Road)
- Requested that an arrow be painted going east on Columbia (by the UDF & CVS heading up the hill)
- Requested at least 24 hour notice before closing a road or making it a one way only lane
- Suggested that Audience Members asking participation not be required to give address since the meetings are televised but still supply their address to the Council Clerk before or after the meeting for the record.

(2) Duane Mount (2113 Bolser Avenue)
- Asked why the Left Hand Turn only sign is if effect on from Bolser Avenue coming out of school onto Columbia Ave since all it does is back up the traffic.

(3) James Shelton (2401 Carol)
- Commented that he is all for the new track and field but asked if it can be made regulation size. Mayor Bo Bemmes commented that his only concern would be if it would be cost prohibitive and Safety Service Director Patrick Ross commented that it can be regulated in a cost effective manner.

COMMUNICATIONS:
"Members of Council,

My name is Bryan Wilson and I live at 236 Bernard Ave. I write to you asking for help. I wrote my concerns of this issue to the previous council on 11/17/2020 but never received a response. That email was received and filed by the council.

We built our house in Reading in 2018 at the corner of Bernard Ave & Riesenberg Ave. When we built this house Riesenberg Ave ended where it meets Bernard Ave. Shortly after building our house the city created and approved the Riesenberg Extension project which extended Riesenberg Ave quite significantly. I've attached the plans for this project (Riesenberg Striping) and if you look closely you'll notice that at the corner of Columbia and Riesenberg there was supposed to be a traffic sign on Riesenberg Ave stating that "no vehicles over 3 axles" are permitted on this road. Somehow this note from the engineers of this project was ignored and that sign was never installed. We've asked multiple times as to why this sign was never installed and no Council member nor member of the administration would provide a reason why.

Prior to my 11/17/20 email we (myself and Sabrina Smith) addressed council in person with our concerns of the truck traffic on Riesenberg Ave. The responses that we received in person from council were that the traffic would only be during "normal business hours" and that we really only were concerned of these issues because "you live right there." The truck traffic is literally 24/7. Riesenberg Ave has had to be patched twice since that time and the truck drivers do not follow the speed limits or traffic signs on the street. I've attached a few clips of semi-trucks speeding down Riesenberg Ave while completely ignoring the stop sign at the intersection. This is a common occurrence. I have quite a bit of similar video footage which I will gladly send if anymore is requested. I can only attach 25mb worth of clips per email. Trucks will also come down Bernard Ave (a street that does in fact have many "no trucks" signs posted) and get stuck while trying to turn right onto Riesenberg or just scrape down the telephone pole at the intersection while forcing their vehicle

through. I've reported these issues to the Reading PD multiple times and the truck drivers have been told over and over not to come down Bernard but they continue to do so.

This specific email was spurred by our most recent experience on the evening of 3/17/22. A semi-truck came down Bernard to turn right onto Riesenberg at 10:18pm. The truck hit the telephone pole at the intersection and blew a transformer (which sounded like a stick of dynamite going off) and knocked out our electric. Reading PD were again called and responded to the incident. This video is attached.

My 11/17/20 email was due in large part to the announcement of the business opportunities proposed for the former Dow Chemical site. I acknowledged that we are very excited for this opportunity for our city but that this project will again increase truck traffic to this area. I asked that the council would seriously consider rerouting the truck traffic to other roads in Reading more conducive to semi-truck traffic; namely Cavett Drive & Landy Lane. Again, these concerns and proposals were not responded to. Council Member Gertz did propose Cavett Drive on multiple occasions but had little support from his other council members. Since my previous email the Dow Chemical business proposals were approved by council and the project will ultimately become a reality at some point in the near future.

I'm asking once again that Council please consider rerouting the truck traffic from our residential/park area to a more suitable area. There is no reason for these giant vehicles to need to use these streets, Riesenberg Ave or West Street, when there are multiple other options available that could be utilized. Please reach out if you'd like any additional information from me.

Thank you for your time,

Bryan Wilson"

Mr. Boehner commented that we addressed this matter with Chief Edens at the March 22 meeting. Chief Edens has been in contact with the owner of the trucking company. The owner understands that both warnings and tickets will follow. Trucks are NOT allowed on Bernard Avenue.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- **MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes:**
  PLEASE REMEMBER TO DIAL 911 FOR ANY POLICE, FIRE, or EMS EMERGENCY
- In the month of March our Police department received 1288 calls for service. An average of 180 total citations are written each month for speeding, illegal parking and red light violations. We received a grant for $24,000 to purchase Body Worn Cameras for our Police Officers and will need to pay another $7,000 to complete the purchase for all of our Officers. We also need to spend another $30,000 to purchase cameras for each of our Police cruisers. Administration will have an ordinance for Council to make these expenditures, which we support and highly recommend soon.
- FF/Paramedic Bruce Thompson was recognized as Firefighter of the year at the Departments annual banquet held on March 25.
- We are still taking park reservations
- Our City Office is open Monday through Friday 8:30am till 4:30pm or call 733-3725
- Pool sign ups will be held on the first three Saturdays in May (May 7, 14 and 21) from 10am till noon at the Haffey Fieldhouse. Pool membership costs $120 for a family before June 1st , $90 for individuals before June 1 and $25 for Senior Citizens before June 1. Prices go up after June 1st

- In 2021 our Public Works Department recycled 34,320 pounds of scrap metal, approximately 9 tons of old tires, 295 gallons of used oil, 256 cubic yards (51.2 tons) of wood chips from branches we collected from residents, our Street Sweeper collected 69 cubic yards of debris and our VacAll collected 105 cubic yards of debris.
- Clean up Reading will be on Saturday April 23. We are asking volunteers to meet at Koenig Parks small pavilion or at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery at 10am. Our City Garage will be open to Reading residents from 7:30am till 2pm on April 23. No hazardous materials, batteries, paint, oil or freon please
- Our Farmers Market opens on Friday May 20th and will be open every Friday after that till late September
- We applied for $400,000 in Safe Routes to School grant funds to help make it safer for our young students to walk or ride bikes to school. I want to thank our Safety and Services Director Patrick Ross for the hours of hard work he put in to make this grant application happen. Thanks also to our Public Works and Fire Department employees, Reading School employees and Safe Routes to Schools committee members who also worked hard on this project
- Our recycling dumpsters are now at our City Garage which is open from 7am-3pm Monday through Friday
- Koenig Park restrooms have been remodeled and look great HOWEVER I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT VANDALISM HAS ALREADY HAPPENED TO ONE OF THE NEWLY REMODELED RESTROOMS. PLEASE CALL OUR POLICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITY INCLUDING VANDALISM
- New construction of sidewalks and curbs on South Reading Road continues. This is a project that we have cooperated with ODOT, Sycamore Township, Amberly and the City of Cincinnati to accomplish at very little cost to us (approximately $7,000)
- We were awarded a $283,000 in Grant dollars to repave North Street in 2022 the total project cost will be approx. $566,000
- Our Reading Community Fine Arts Center is open and hoping that everyone will come and see and support this incredible addition to our City. The Hall of Grace, named in memory of Gracie Lynn Rack, will provide a unique venue with elegant ambiance in which to host weddings, receptions and other public gatherings The Reading Fine Arts Center will offer private and group lessons for dance, voice and theater as well as weekly piano and strings lessons. To get more information call 513-709-7464 or go to readingcommunityartscenter.org
- PLEASE SLOW DOWN AS YOU DRIVE AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ALL PEDESTRIANS
- If we as a City are going to be as safe as we can be it will take all of us doing our part. Please get to know your neighbors and look out for them and please call our Police at 513-733-4122 anytime you see suspicious or illegal activity or dial 911 if you feel it is an emergency. If anyone wants to become involved in a neighborhood watch program please contact me at 513-509-8619
- I want to thank everyone who work so hard to make our City better. Reading continues to be home for a lot of wonderful individuals and families who do incredible things day in out
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 513-509-8619 or at rbemmes@readingohio.org. PLEASE JOIN MY FACEBOOK GROUP AT ROBERT "BO" BEMMES MAYOR of CITY of READING OHIO

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross:

- THURNRIDGE DRIVE UPDATE
    - Sidewalks will be completed today (4/5) except for ramps at end of streets that are poured after curbs
    - Curbs/Apron/Widening work is beginning today. They have begun work today(Tuesday) on the West Side of the street at the Fuhrman end of the road

  - Traffic flow through Hilltop has returned to 1-way from Bolser thru the site. Change made now to accommodate usage of Baseball/Softball facilities which initially were not going to open until next spring. Please take note of this change.
  - Vehicles trying to access Bolser to get to school may utilize Thurnridge b/w Hunt and Bolser
  - There will be flaggers on Thurnridge directing traffic as necessary due to equipment widths
- MSD Stormwater Project Delayed approximately 3 months
- Capital and Recreation Needs-
  - Public Works in need of replacement of several aging pieces of equipment
  - Community is out of recreational space for children in the community…currently only green space controlled by City for practice and games is Koenig Park, Haffey Fields, and the Stadium/Bemmes fields. Rohm and Haas fields and Hilltop Fields were regularly used for soccer, baseball, softball, and football but both are not available
  - Administration is looking into borrowing funds to both fund public works equipment and replacing track and stadium with artificial grass.
  - Have spoken with chair of both Finance committee and begun looking into borrowing funds
  - Fact that field space is limited. Approximately 200 youth football/cheerleaders, 250-300 youth soccer, and VYO has currently 24 youth softball and baseball teams.
  - Administration believes it is a good investment in our children and future children. Artificial field at stadium will not just benefit High School, will benefit all kids current and future. We will be able to utilize fields for practice and have multiple teams able to use at same time.
  - Track would also be replaced and track is something used year round by all, young and old.
  - Financially, 340 fund opens after this year to repay our borrowing costs and with a new field, there would be opportunity to generate revenue as well to offset our costs
- DOW/PORT Site @ 2000 West Street. Had a meeting with public works, our engineers, and engineers/architects(Port) and The Port and its partners regarding storm water and potable water at the site as the Port readies the site for development. First demolition slated for this summer
- Ordinance presented next meeting by administration/auditor offices for new Finance and Payroll Software

Rich Surace, Energy Alliance

- The Natural Gas markets have been extremely volatile the last several months. The current natural gas aggregation with Constellation NewEnergy at a price of $0.396 per ccf expires with residents June 2022 meter read date. We've been working with Council on options for a renewal.

On March 1st, 2022, a resolution was passed to give the Safety Service Director authority to sign an agreement with the natural gas aggregation supplier, AEP Energy, for a term not to exceed 24 months and for a price not to exceed $0.56 per ccf starting in June.

Energy Alliances has traditionally coordinated the City of Reading with over 20 other local communities to find a group rate. To be able to get to a group rate we needed to get to a certain percentage of volume before we could transact. We reached that threshold on the evening of March 21st with the plan to execute an agreement with all the communities on March 22nd.

Unfortunately, when we came in on the morning of March 22nd the prices had increase over 3% overnight with the executable price above $0.56 per ccf. Because of that increase we were not able to move forward. The hope was that the market would have come down in the upcoming days so we could move forward, but that has not been the case.

The prices we are currently seeing are not at a level that Energy Alliances is comfortable recommending to Council to execute on.

Energy Alliances' suggestion is that we let the current aggregation program expire and have all the accounts sent back to

Duke in June to pay Duke's default rates through the summer. Summer is when residents use their least amount of natural gas, so any financial risks are minimal due to low usage. The residents were going to pay higher natural gas prices starting in July regardless as the market has increased significantly since the aggregation renewed in 2019.

The plan is to continue to watch the natural gas market over the next several weeks to see if it will offer any relief. We then plan to restart the program in October (November bills) so that we can get a price locked in before winter to protect residents from any fluctuations. To buy now would be buying at the highest prices seen in several years. We feel it is better to see if the market will stabilize before locking into any rates. However, locking into a rate before winter is imperative to protect residents from any market volatility.

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson *(No Report)*

TREASURER: Brenda Owens

City of Reading
March 2022 Income Tax Receipt Summary
With Prior Years Comparison

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$96,093	$110,812	$107,429	$79,333	-26.2%
February	$68,356	$67,807	$45,896	$37,035	-19.3%
March	$117,226	$89,577	$127,056	$131,391	3.4%
April	$415,198	$109,428	$221,576		
May	$77,836	$48,987	$223,455		
June	$115,093	$99,289	$134,637		
July	$53,556	$337,009	$82,544		
August	$70,483	$71,990	$39,361		
September	$102,017	$106,778	$89,782		
October	$38,131	$93,081	$56,061		
November	$54,158	$76,487	$14,763		
December	$58,151	$96,708	$86,298		
Yearly Totals	$1,266,298	$1,307,953	$1,228,857	$247,759	
YTD Progress	$281,675	$268,196	$280,381	$247,759	-11.6%

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2021	% Change 21 to 22
January	$555,799	$539,671	$717,952	$689,143	-4.0%
February	$418,114	$530,926	$462,760	$441,735	-4.5%
March	$403,816	$419,609	$413,361	$434,394	5.1%
April	$718,041	$590,089	$801,135		
May	$464,702	$453,000	$490,963		
June	$463,205	$441,487	$484,864		
July	$474,774	$433,643	$507,334		
August	$410,495	$519,886	$566,411		
September	$519,714	$392,475	$411,837		
October	$457,049	$449,639	$549,184		
November	$454,636	$483,331	$545,750		
December	$458,688	$429,457	$432,363		
Yearly Totals	$5,799,031	$5,683,214	$6,383,913	$1,565,272	
YTD Progress	$1,377,729	$1,490,206	$1,594,072	$1,565,272	-1.8%

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$14,888	$22,258	$11,981	$48,907	308.2%
February	$37,357	$18,896	$58,854	$24,719	-58.0%
March	$44,127	$77,585	$23,641	$210,097	788.7%
April	$146,628	$26,014	$137,747		
May	$22,169	$21,905	$60,812		
June	$87,523	$39,477	$87,483		
July	$7,829	$95,430	$43,735		
August	$50,022	$80,398	$38,207		
September	$61,612	$77,959	$85,263		
October	$16,216	$32,831	$42,542		
November	$13,642	$17,874	$22,412		
December	$63,553	$26,952	$87,159		
Yearly Totals	$565,565	$537,579	$699,835	$283,722	
YTD Progress	$96,372	$118,739	$94,476	$283,722	200.3%

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$666,780	$672,741	$837,361	$817,383	-2.4%
February	$523,826	$617,629	$567,510	$503,488	-11.3%
March	$565,169	$586,771	$564,058	$775,881	37.6%
April	$1,279,867	$725,531	$1,160,458		
May	$564,707	$523,892	$775,230		
June	$665,820	$580,253	$706,984		
July	$536,158	$866,082	$633,613		
August	$531,000	$672,274	$643,978		
September	$683,343	$577,213	$586,882		
October	$511,396	$575,551	$647,787		
November	$522,436	$577,693	$582,925		
December	$580,392	$553,117	$605,819		
Yearly Totals	$7,630,893	$7,528,746	$8,312,605	$2,096,752	
YTD Progress	$1,755,775	$1,877,141	$1,968,929	$2,096,752	6.5%

Total Refunds	2019 = $135,343	2020 = $132,162	2021 = $115,450	2022 YTD Refunds = $48,004

Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 04/04/2022

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

- Working on 2021 Audit both GAAP statement and full audit for 2021. The 2020 has been completed. Looking forward to new software system because of outdated software and a lot of data entry. The first quarter has been completed so working on getting all expenses updated.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner *(No Report, Absent)*

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop

- On Tuesday March 4th, the Utilities, Lands & Buildings Committee held a meeting to discuss the feasibility of implementing the UniCity Public WiFi program and see if we can identify a path forward.

The program would benefit the people of Reading by providing free Wi-Fi access while also complementing the RBD and the proposed DORA.

In Attendance: Councilmembers Mark Bishop, Chairman, Dave Powell, Andy Bronner
Invited Guests included: John Putnam. UniCity, Ryan Satzger, UniCity, Nick Diederich, RBD President, Jennifer Burke, Treasurer, Reading Community Schools

Mrs. Burke provided a summary to help identify where the most in need is in Reading and Mr. Diederich offered to work with the Reading Chamber of Commerce to see if we should move forward with the project.

The meeting (held in Council Chambers) started at 6:pm and ended at 7:pm. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion.

Next step: We're awaiting feedback from the Chamber (and members) as to their willingness to participate.

Communications:
I received email communications from Mrs. Ingram on Columbia RD which was forwarded to me by Mrs. Eadicicco, and also from Mrs. Sturgill also on Columbia. Both were expressing their hardships faced with the Fiber optic installation construction work in front of their homes. I replied to both residents and assured them that the asphalt patches in the sidewalk were temporary and they restoration and cleanup would be done when installation is complete.

Unfortunately, construction is a necessary but messy business, and I would encourage everyone to not only be patient, but also more cautious walking and driving in the area while construction is in progress. Columbia is a somewhat unique situation primarily since its steep and narrow and bends around. As Mr. Ross has mentioned previously, the work being done on Columbia is utility work in the Public ROW installing fiber. The chief of public works reviews these plans when submitted and he has been in contact regarding restoration when work is completed.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- At our meeting on March 15, 2022, Mr. McKenzie of 404 Flora Avenue asked some questions about his driveway and its relationship to the public right-of-way of Flora Avenue. I researched the right-of-way and this is what I found out:

Flora Avenue was relinquished to public use by James H. Oliver on August 3, 1855 and was noted as Brewery Street at the time. Being that the right-of-way does not appear to have ever been improved to public standards my opinion that the portion of Flora Avenue east of Fifth Street is dedicated but not accepted. I visited the site three times since our last meeting and have not seen any evidence of vehicles accessing the park via the gravel driveway.

I have also been looking into the issue of blocked railroad crossings and feel there is not much that we can do as a legislative body that will make a difference. The only legitimate authority to regulate blocked crossings is the federal government. Federal Railroad Safety Authorization Act of 1994 (FRSA), 49 U.S.C. § 20101 et seq. (2000), is the main source of the railroad industry's contention that state and local laws are not enforceable. I found that multiple times in the past the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has been requested to begin the rulemaking process to determine effective measures to regulate blocked crossings. At this time, I request that every time you observe a stopped train go

to https://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings and make a report. I will continue to look into the matter.

Responding to the railroad safety: Mr. Boehner mentioned that many years ago Lockland passed an ordinance that if a train blocked more than 30 minutes the train company would be fined. MRs. Eadicicco commented that Lockland has recently said that they cannot get any of the tickets issued paid. The biggest piece of advice we can give is to stay on it and keep reporting these blockages.

Responding to Flora Avenue: President of Council Mr. Daum asked if, based off of Mr. Powell's research, if the City can repair the street. Mr. Powell responded that a "dedicated street" and an "accepted street" are not the same. Law Director Dave Stevenson said the City does not typically accept streets unless they are up to our standards. This matter was placed into the Laws and Contracts committee to research further.

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- I held a Laws and Contracts committee meeting on March 8. In attendance was Mr. Powell, Mr. Boehner, and in the audience was Mr. Bishop, James Shelton, John Mallot, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Nick Diederich, President of the Bridal District, Donna Wiggins with WeThrive, Daniel Hoerst with Images by Daniel Michael Photography and chair of the DORA Committee with the Bridal District, and Chief Edens with our police department.

DORA stands for Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area and allows for certain areas of the city to be exempt from open container laws. The Bridal District is proposing a DORA along Benson St. We discussed expanding the DORA along Reading Rd. to Valley Tavern on the north end and the library on the South. The DORA can be up to 150 CONTINUOUS acres. As of right now, this layout is only around 40 acres. We can expand or decrease the area as needed. But it must be continuous.

The benefits of a DORA district is it can attract more businesses to the city, such as restaurants and entertainment establishments. It also attracts more out of town patrons. We have a lot of people who come from out of town to our Bridal District and the hope is to have them stay and eat and drink and enjoy our city after they're done shopping.

The reason we're looking at expanding along Reading Rd. is to develop the area with more restaurants and new businesses. Expanding it north can also help the Farmer's Market grow. A DORA will also allow more events to take place in the area. And, looking to the future, the I-75 overpass is slated to come down in the next 5 years or so. That leaves the area by the Mill Creek primed for development. Having a DORA can help move development along.

Chief Edens has talked to other communities with DORAs and no issues have been reported. That's promising as a big concern is people walking around with open containers, possibly causing property damage, or just the idea of intoxicated people walking around and causing trouble. Knowing that other communities haven't had issues eases these concerns.

The proposed time frame the DORA would be open is Noon to 10:00 PM every day. We can change the time frame, if needed. However, this looks like a good starting point. Those who partake in the DORA would receive a bracelet (like the kind you get at festivals) and a DORA specific cup. These would be purchased at an establishment that sells alcohol.

Next steps: the Bridal District, operating under the Chamber of Commerce, is working on gathering letters of support from businesses in the area and liquor license holders and will complete an application before they submit it to the city and to council. The application will be made available to the public between 30 and 60 days via newspaper and the city's website. I'll also post it in my Facebook group and have the city post it on their Facebook page. After the public notification my committee will write a resolution to be brought to and voted on by council.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger

Police Department run count for March, 2022

- Calls for service 1,288
- Auto Accidents 28
- Booking Original Charges 193
- Total Criminal Charges 290

Citations Issued

- Hamilton County 11
- Arlington Heights 31
- Juvenile 2
- Reading Mayor's 250

Total Citations 300

Fire Departments run count for March, 2022

- EMS Responses 206
- Fire Responses 44 (9 all-call)

Total Responses 250

- Next committee Meeting will be April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

SERVICE: Bob Boehner

- Next committee meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus room

Service Department Report:
- City crews have been out patching potholes in the streets
- The mulcher has been out collecting branches.
- City crew repaired the Fire Hydrant a Reading & Galbraith
- City crew replaced the storm door at the Millcreek Alliance building at Jefferson & Walnut
- City crews have been replacing signage throughout the city that has faded or been damaged
- City has approximately 600 tons of road salt left in the salt bin (Great savings going into next year)
- City crews have been out cleaning catch basins
- Koenig Park has a new face lift and looks very nice at the shelter and restrooms. The restrooms had a complete makeover.
- City crews are starting to get the soccer fields ready for play
- City crews are getting all the Parks ready for usage and Spring activities.
- City workers are starting to work on the new salt bin
- Sewers were repaired in alley between Jefferson & Church street and Pike & West Benson as they start to fail
- City crew repaired the chimney at the Health Building as it was failing
- City crews trimmed some trees on Riesenberg near the soccer field
- Plows and spreaders have been removed from the big trucks
- All park restrooms are open

- Mr. Boehner has an idea for a Special Capital account for Service needs and will follow up with Patrick with this idea and will report back to Council after this talk.

RECREATION: Scott Thamann

- Easter Egg Hunt April 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Haffey Field House

OTHER BUSINESS: *(None)*

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF READING, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022. (Second Reading)

Ordinance was declared a second reading only.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mark Bishop: I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Agape Love Ministries on Saturday.

They are located directly across from the old Carousel Inn in Reading. Along with Sunday services, they provide a drive through food bank, open access to computers for youth, youth mentoring, and adult counseling among other services to the community at large. It was great to meet and talk with Rev Henderson, as well as Sister Tonya Key who is also a Council Member in Lincoln Heights, The Vice Mayor of Cincinnati was present. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and I welcomed them to the great City of Reading.

Sabrina Smith: Call 513-733-4879 if you'd like to adopt a park passport sign for the year or to adopt-a-pot. This is where you do the flower pots in town and prepare them for the season.

Farmer's Market starts May 20th

WeTHRIVEreading.org to be a compliment to the city's website as a community calendar

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Boehner moved to adjourn. Mr. Bishop seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

Dwight Daum
President of Council