

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AUGUST 18, 2026 – 7:30 PM**

For the full detail of this evening's Council Meeting, please visit www.watchreadingohio.com.

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council, Mr. Mattscheck called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President of Council, 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 & Clerk of Council Carla Bronner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the August 4, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Bo Bemmes performed the Oath of Office for Officer Rick Ellison, who was sworn in as Lieutenant

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Bob Ashbrock – Requested that Council table the proposed zoning-code ordinance, arguing that required public-hearing notifications and procedural steps had not been properly completed. In response, Council indicated that the ordinance had gone through committee and the Planning Commission and that the public hearing had been advertised, but agreed to verify the details of the notification.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) July 2026 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursement Report

121 Bench warrants Issued, 206 Cases Heard & \$17,447.00 Collected

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE ZONING CODE. *(Second Reading)*

Ordinance was declared a second reading only

(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 FORD F-450 TRUCK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-25

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(1) Bo Bemmes:

Tonight it is an honor for me to administer the oath of office to Police Officer Rick Ellison as he becomes a Lieutenant for our

outstanding Police Department. Rick is in his 26th year as a member of our Police Department. I want to thank Rick and all of the members of our PD for their willingness to serve our Community.

Schools in our City are open so PLEASE SLOW DOWN AS YOU DRIVE AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR YOUNG STUDENTS AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Our American Legion will be hosting a feed the community event in their parking lot on Saturday August 22 from noon till 5pm serving hot dogs, chips and bottled water. ALL ARE WELCOME

The annual Taste of Reading will be held at Koenig Park from noon till 11pm on Saturday August 29

Our Reading Bridal Association will hold their annual Fall in Love event on Benson Street on Thursday September 17. Benson Street will be closed from 5pm till 10pm from Reading Road to Wachendorf

Our Lady of the Valley's festival will be held on September 18, 19 and 20

87 events in 93 days are scheduled on Veterans Memorial Field

We are accepting bids for the new track and fencing around the track and around Veterans Memorial Complex

Please call me anytime with any City related questions, comments or concerns at 513-509-8619

(2) Mark Bishop: Reported on the 15th anniversary celebration of Agape Love Ministries, a local church near Sunnybrook Lane. He noted that the organization has grown significantly since it began in the pastor's basement in an apartment complex.

Agape Love Ministries provides food, supplies, and other assistance to the community. Mr. Bishop represented the city at the anniversary celebration and presented the organization with a proclamation recognizing its 15 years of service and success.

He congratulated Pastor Dr. Cornelius Henderson Sr. and his wife, Pastor Michelle Henderson, and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the celebration.

(3) Katie Eadicicco: Asked about the planned track replacement and whether the project would accommodate a potential future expansion of the athletic field. She noted that one of the goals associated with the levy was to install turf and expand the field to meet regulation size requirements.

She asked whether reducing the track from eight lanes to six lanes was part of the plan in order to preserve space for a future field expansion, while acknowledging that no field expansion is currently planned.

It was confirmed that the track will be reduced to six lanes. Council also discussed previous track proposals and the possibility of installing turf in the future. Two companies have indicated that a track can be installed before turf, although installing the turf first would be preferable.

The six-lane configuration is intended to preserve the necessary space and measurements should the city have an opportunity to expand the field in the future.

(4) Bob Boehner:

This is a short version of our discussion of equipment needs and curb work on July 21, 2026:

The Service Dept. is asking for a Hot Box Trailer to haul Blacktop to patch potholes. We decided to put this purchase off till 2027.

We discussed purchasing 1 truck and that truck and snowplow equipment is estimated to cost \$111,372.05. It will replace Truck #25 and

The new truck will be used for snow events in the alleys and narrow streets in the valley area. This price will be verified by the Service Dept. prior to passing an Ordinance.

We also pushed another truck purchase to 2027. This 5-ton vehicle is for multiple water main repairs, this will help get more equipment to the water main site.

Curb work was discussed to replace all curbs on Genoma, Wenchris would be the next in line. More curbs are missing or in disrepair on Genoma.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mr. Bishop, and was seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 pm.

X _____
Carla Bronner
Clerk of Council

X _____
Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council

City of Reading

Monthly Statement of Cash

As Of: 7/31/2026

Funds: 1101 to 9999

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Bal.	MTD Increases	MTD Decreases	Ending Bal.
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$1,231,152.77	\$225,656.83	\$1,259,490.63	\$197,318.97
1220	CITY EARNINGS TAX	\$6,530,070.64	\$749,540.03	\$57,003.38	\$7,222,607.29
1801	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	\$11,621.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,621.13
1827	SEWER SERVICE FEE	\$683,377.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$683,377.80
1835	ACCRUED SICK & VAC PAY	\$149,700.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$149,700.95
2210	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$759,637.87	\$62,977.89	\$78,418.31	\$744,197.45
2215	STATE HIGHWAY	\$187,687.93	\$10,215.34	\$0.00	\$197,903.27
2222	MAYORS COURT COMPUTER	\$1,327.98	\$1,131.00	\$216.41	\$2,242.57
2223	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$14,167.70	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$14,217.70
2225	EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT	\$77,818.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,818.78
2230	Streets & Curbs	\$741,110.80	\$0.00	\$135,528.16	\$605,582.64
2245	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$77,051.54	\$0.00	\$1,960.76	\$75,090.78
2260	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE	\$323,863.22	\$7,985.33	\$0.00	\$331,848.55
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	\$186,572.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$186,572.00
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	\$245,047.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245,047.76
4242	FIRE/EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$763,766.72	\$46,709.04	\$16,492.26	\$793,983.50
4243	POLICE & FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4340	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$970,756.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$970,756.06
4341	STADIUM TRACK IMPROVEMENT	\$273.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.85
4343	GROWTH FUND	\$676,356.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$676,356.41
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	\$344,130.66	\$183,973.81	\$193,136.05	\$334,968.42
5608	WATER TRUST	\$142,909.16	\$13.18	\$13.18	\$142,909.16
8825	SEWAGE DISP TRUST	\$1,693,801.17	\$243,080.18	\$473,030.66	\$1,463,850.69
9999	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$30,607.73	\$928,893.01	\$897,740.15	\$61,760.59
Grand Total:		\$15,876,196.16	\$2,460,225.64	\$3,113,029.95	\$15,223,391.85