

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 13, 2026

Mayor Roger Meinert called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 E. Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present Roger Meinert, Trevor Guiles, Nicole Woodside, James Anderlohr, Brad Nixon and Charles Lupo. Absent Nate Bailey. Also in attendance: Fire Chief Jeff Stein, City Manager Rich Saladin, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Curt Brackenrich, Police Chief Chris Lockhart, City Clerk Chastity Eads, and City Treasurer Kadee Kidd. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were citizens in the audience.

Agenda Motion by Guiles, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.

Public Hearing Public Hearing was opened at 5:31 pm to receive public comment on adoption of the 2026-2030 Parks & Recreation Five Year Plan. No comments were received. Public Hearing Closed at 5:31 pm.

Public Hearing was opened at 5:31 pm to receive public comment on the Proposed DDA Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan. No comments were received. Public Hearing Closed at 5:32 pm.

Public Hearing was opened at 5:32 pm to receive public comment on the changes to the Social District Plan. No comments were received. Public Hearing Closed at 5:32 pm.

Minutes Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills in the total amount of \$1,181,860.67 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Anderlohr, Guiles, Mienert, Lupo, Nixon and Woodside. Absent Bailey.

Reports Fire Chief Jeffrey Stein, Police Chief Christopher Lockhart, Rich Rehkopf, DPW, and Curt Brackenrich, WWTP, filed written reports. Kadee Kidd provided by email, Financial Reports, including a Revenue/Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2026. Motion by Woodside, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to Department Head written reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.

County Commissioner Russ Nehmer provided a written report from the April County Commission meeting. Motion by Woodside, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to approve the County Commissioner report as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.

Presentations The GoGov Citizen Engagement Software presentation was tabled because Councilmember Bailey was absent and unavailable to present.

Old Business

2009 Volvo L70 F Wheel Loader Bid Approval

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve bid proposal for purchase of the 2009 L70 F Wheel Loader submitted by Derek DeFrell in the amount of \$50,002.00 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Woodside, Lupo, Anderlohr, Meinert, Nixon and Guiles. Absent Bailey.

New Business

Discussion and Action on Social District Plan Changes

Motion by Nixon, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to approve the Social District Plan as written with changes as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Lupo, Anderlohr, Woodside, Nixon and Meinert. Voting no was Guiles. Absent Bailey.

Memo of Understanding Reed City Little League Concessions

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve Memo of Understanding between the City of Reed City and the Reed City Little League for the use of the Westerburg Park Concession Building as amended. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Woodside, Guiles, Lupo, Nixon and Anderlohr. Absent Bailey.

Letter of Understanding Fraternal Order of Police Labor Contract

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Reed City and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council to allow Jason Stegeman to purchase retirement service credit under the terms and conditions of the applicable MERS plan authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to sign as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Anderlohr, Guiles, Meinert, Lupo, Nixon and Woodside. Absent Bailey.

Resolution 2026-13 2026 – 2030 Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2026-13 2026-2030 Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan as presented. Councilmember Lupo briefly left the meeting at 5:59 pm. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Woodside, Guiles, Nixon and Anderlohr. Absent Bailey & Lupo. Councilmember Lupo returned to the meeting at 6:00 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

CITY OF REED CITY 5 YEAR PARK & RECREATION PLAN 2026-2030

For the City of Reed City, Osceola County

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2026 through 2030, and

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Reed City were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days for plan and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 13, 2026, at the Reed City City Hall to provide an opportunity for all

residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Reed City 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030 and

WHEREAS, the City of Reed City has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Reed City and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City of Reed City Council voted to adopt said City of Reed City 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Reed City Council hereby adopts the City of Reed City 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030.

Yeas: Anderlohr, Nixon, Woodside, Guiles, Meinert

Nays: _____

Absent: Bailey & Lupo

CERTIFICATION

I, Chastity Eads, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Reed City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 13th day of April 2026, and that the meeting was conducted, and public notice was given in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Chastity Eads

Chastity Eads, City Clerk

Selling Fire Department Generator

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to authorize the Fire Chief to sell the Fire Department generator, subject to approval by the City Attorney, with no minimum start bid required. Affirmed by voice vote.

Crossroads Recreation Connection Proposal for Rambadt Park Festival of Lights

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to table the decision on the proposal for 2026 Rambadt Park Festival of Lights continuation and expansion from the Crossroads Recreation Connection until next month awaiting further information. Affirmed by voice vote.

Purchase of New Garage Doors for the DPW Garage

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to accept the bid from Jacob's Garage Door in the amount of \$14,100 for DPW Garage Door Replacement. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Woodside, Guiles, Lupo, Nixon and Anderlohr. Absent Bailey.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Anderlohr, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to approve Consent Agendas as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.

City Manager Report

In addition to the submitted written report, City Manager Saladin reported that the city will be receiving an award from the Michigan Chapter of APWA for the water system projects completed through the DWSRF23 and DWSRF24 grants on Thursday, May 21, 2026. The city will also receive a community award from the Middle Michigan Development Corporation for the Celebration Park on Friday, May 8, 2026, as part of their annual meeting. Many projects are nearing completion. Timeline on completion for the Celebration Pocket Park is tight,

weather permitting it will be fully completed by the grant deadline. Saturday, April 25th is the annual Refresh Reed City. Budget will be presented to Council at the May meeting.

Mayor Report

Motion made by Lupo, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to reappoint Sarah Spruit to the Planning Commission for the term ending January 3, 2029. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion made by Guiles, seconded by Lupo, **CARRIED**, to confirm Mayor's reappointment of Kylee Nix to the Cemetery Board term ending April 30, 2027. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion made by Lupo, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to appoint Dawn Montague to the Zoning Board of Appeals for term ending January 18, 2029. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion made by Lupo, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to reappoint Garry Ruttle to the Zoning Board of Appeals for term ending January 18, 2029. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bill Review Reminder for May 2026 – Nate Bailey

Attorney Report

Nothing currently.

Council Comments

Audience comments

None

Adjournment Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 6:41 P.M.

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