

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 13, 2025

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, and James Anderlohr. Charles Lupo, Nate Bailey, and Brad Nixon were absent. Also in attendance: Fire Chief, Jeff Stein, City Manager, Rich Saladin, DPW Superintendent, Rich Rehkopf, Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Curt Brackenrich, and City Clerk, Amanda Grant. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were citizens in the audience.

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

Minutes Motion by Woodside, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2025, regular meeting as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2025, special meeting as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by Meinert, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills in the total amount of \$1,512,508.36 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Woodside, Anderlohr, Meinert, and Guiles.

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 September 30, 2025. County Commissioner Russ Nehmer provided a written report of the September County Commission meeting. Motion by Meinert, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the Department Head and Written reports as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.

Audience Presentations

Chris Mund from Crossroads Recreation Connection, presented a check to the City for \$82,496.69 to be used towards the development of the Downtown Park, \$50,000 was donated by Corwell Health, \$32,496.96 was from local donations.

Crossroads Recreation Connection, Ellen Finkbeiner, and Stephanie Boyce returned with updated plans for the New Year's Eve Ball Drop. The ball will drop from the RC Feed Building at 10 P.M., 11 P.M., and 12 A.M.

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve CRC to use the Depot on New Year's Eve for 5 years at no cost, and to extend the noise variance to 12:30 A.M. every year for 5 years. Affirmed by voice vote.

Donnie Dwyer submitted to the Council an overview of Festival of the Lights, asking the Council to approve the event to kick off the Evergreen Festival. Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to allow CRC to run the Festival of Lights as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

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Audience Presentations Continued

Sally Daling from Reed City Area Rotary granted the City of Reed City a gift of \$51,512.00 to go towards the preformed structure at the new Downtown Park. Rotary requests that this be dedicated to John McDowell with a plaque, to honor his donation and recognize him for all that he did for the community.

Alex Hough presented an Eagle Scout project, renovating the archway at the West entrance to the Rambadt Park.

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve the project as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Emily Ruppert summarized the success of the Farmers Market this past season. Mentioning that over 40 small businesses participated, they had plenty of free kids' activities, offered community outreach accepting EBT, Senior Fresh, Produce Connections, and other local voucher programs. The Farmers' market offered educational classes; out of 6 classes offered, 5 were full.

Old Business

Guiles introduced the Rental Registration Ordinance, checklist to be determined.

New Business

Residential Solid Waste Contract

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve January 1, 2026-December 31, 2028 Residential Solid Waste Contract Bid by Sam's Disposal. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Anderlohr, and Woodside.

Review of Basic Safety Plan from Osceola County Emergency Management

James Anderlohr presented the Basic Safety Plan that is currently in place at local businesses.

Correction Of Line Item Recorded In Error In The April 14, 2025, Minutes

Motion made by Guiles, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve the change to the April 14, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Anderlohr, Woodside, Meinert, and Guiles.

2002 GMC Truck Bids

Motion made by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve the bid from Hunter White for \$3700.00. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Anderlohr, Woodside, Meinert and Guiles.

DWSRF23 855450-3 Change Order #10 Gerber Construction

Motion made by Meinert, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve DWSRF23 855450-3 Change Order 10 Gerber Construction for \$173,375.00. Roll call vote, voting yes were Meinert, Woodside, Anderlohr, and Guiles.

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WWTP 181682 Change Order #10 Phase 2 EV Construction

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Woodside, **CARRIED**, to approve WWTP Project #181682 Change Order #10 for EV Construction for \$104,889.00. Roll call vote, voting yes were Meinert, Woodside, Anderlohr, and Guiles.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Woodside, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve Consent Agendas as amended and affirmed by voice vote.

City Manager Report

Saladin reported that the demolition of the South Plant and Trestle bridge is planned for this fall. MEDC Pocket Park: This project is taking shape. A formal name for the park is needed. DDA is meeting monthly and working on goal objectives. The Master plan is close to completion. The DTE Tree Grant has allowed the City to plant 45 trees. The Rotary Club has approved the purchase of the lights on the 100 block of W Upton; these will remain in place throughout the year.

Mayor Report

Nicole Woodside has bills next month.
The mayor read emails that were received after the special meeting on September 15, 2025.

Attorney Report

Nothing other than what was discussed and submitted.

Council Comments

No Council comments.

Audience comments

No Audience comments.

Adjournment

Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M.



Amanda Grant, City Clerk