

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 11, 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, James Anderlohr, Brad Nixon and Nate Bailey. Absent Nicole Woodside and Charles Lupo. 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 Nixon, seconded by Bailey, **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 proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year City of Reed City Budget and Millage rates. No comments were received. Public Hearing Closed at 5:32 pm.

Audience comments
None

Minutes Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bills Motion by Bailey, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve paying bills in the total amount of \$1,184,019.00 as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Anderlohr, Guiles, Meinert, Nixon and Bailey. Absent Lupo and Woodside.

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 April 30, 2026. Motion by Guiles, 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 Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve the County Commissioner report as submitted. Affirmed by voice vote.

Presentations

Casey Helmboldt shared a 2026 update on the Reed City Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The banner program for 2026 saw overwhelming community support selling out in just over a week with an additional fifty-seven new banners for 2026. Combined with the sixty-five banners from 2025, Reed City will now have over 120 banners on display throughout the community for 2026.

Jesse Kailing, Great American Crossroads Celebration Committee shared the 2026 festival event schedule and requested approval of a temporary liquor license for Sunny's Bar and Grill, closing the Reed City Social District and a waiver of the noise ordinance for the beverage area on Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to Midnight.

GACC Festival

Motion by Nixon, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the Great American Crossroads Celebration's request as presented in the handout, for a noise ordinance variance extending the permitted noise hours from 10 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday; to approve a temporary liquor license for Sunny's Bar & Grill for the Great American Crossroads Celebration festival beverage tent in the downtown area; and to approve the temporary closure of Lot A to the Reed City Social District from 4 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2026 to 10 a.m. Sunday, August 16, 2026 as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Old Business

Selling Fire Department Generator

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to authorize the Fire Chief to list the Fire Department generator for sale on an online government auction website. Affirmed by voice vote.

New Business

Resolution 2026-14, approving the 2026-2027 Budget Resolution

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to adopt Resolution 2026-144, approving the 2026-2027 Budget Resolution for General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Enterprise, and Internal Service Fund for the City of Reed City Appropriations Act, set the millages and appropriate the funds as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Anderlohr, Bailey, and Nixon. Absent Lupo and Woodside.

**CITY OF REED CITY 2026-2027
BUDGET RESOLUTION for GENERAL, SPECIAL REVENUE,
CAPITAL PROJECTS, DEBT SERVICE, ENTERPRISE,
AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF REED CITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT
Resolution 2026-14**

At the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Reed City, County of Osceola, Michigan, held in said City on May 11, 2026.

PRESENT: Roger Meinert, Trevor Guiles, James Anderlohr, Brad Nixon and Nate Bailey

ABSENT: Nicole Woodside and Charles Lupo.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Guiles and seconded by Councilperson Bailey.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 8 of the City Charter of the City of Reed City governing budget procedure and general finance, and in compliance with the requirements of the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act, a balanced budget has been set up for the City of Reed City for the fiscal year of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on May 11, 2026 on the proposed 2026-2027 City Budget in accordance with the City Charter provisions;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined the amount of money to be raised by taxation necessary for expenditures and liabilities for 2026-2027 fiscal year and has ordered that money to be raised by taxation within statutory and constitutional limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act No. 2 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1968, as amended (“UBAA”), requires that the Council enact a general appropriations act designed to meet City funded expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Reed City Manager has examined the fiscal requests for 2026-2027 of the various departments, which it must be funded or assist in financing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Reed City Council hereby adopts the budget and appropriates the following sums for all Funds for the municipal purposes set forth below:

(101) General Fund

Legislative/Chief Executive/Financial & Tax Administration

(101) City Council	\$ 82,710
(172) City Manager	\$ 76,310
(215) City Clerk	\$ 110,580
(223) Other Accounting Activities-Audit	\$ 4,800
(247) Board of Review	\$ 2,225
(253) City Treasurer	\$ 98,935
(257) City Assessor	\$ 27,450

General Government

(262) Elections	\$ 34,450
(265) Building and Grounds	\$ 82,400
(269) City Properties – Other	\$ 41,950

Public Safety

(301) Police Department	\$ 537,700
(332) Snow Mobile Enforcement	\$ 1,320
(336) Fire Department	\$ 361,033

Public Works

(441) Dept. of Public Works	\$ 381,750
(448) Street Lighting	\$ 52,000
(528) Refuse	\$ 48,000
(567) Cemetery	\$ 97,145

Recreation/Culture

(721) Planning Commission	\$ 10,800
(751) Parks & Recreation	\$ 95,080

Other Governmental Functions

(851) Insurance/Bonds	\$ 192,140
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Contingencies

(990) Contingencies	\$ 0
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Appropriations

(968) Contributions	\$ 8,000
Total 2026-2027 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,346,778
(151) Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 1,550
Special Revenue Funds	
(202) Major Streets	\$ 613,975
(203) Local Streets	\$ 114,000
(208) Park Commission Fund	\$ 12,000
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$ 18,755
(267) Law Enforcement Training	\$ 1,000
(292) Small Business Revolving Loan	\$ 0.00
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$ 759,730
Debt Service Funds	
(397) Fire Bldg. Dept.	\$ 36,880
Total Debt Service Funds	\$ 36,880
Capital Projects Funds	
(402) Equipment Replacement	\$ 0
(446) Fire Equipment Replacement	\$ 5,300
Total Capital Projects Funds	\$ 5,300
Enterprise/Internal Service Funds	
(590) Sewer Fund	
Dept. (536) Administration	\$ 115,575
(543) Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,666,030
(549) Collection System	\$ 173,925
(564) Meter Reading	\$ 810
(586) Depreciation	\$ 500,000
(902) Construction-system	\$ 0
(905) Debt Service	\$ 34,100
(958) Appropriations-Contributions	\$ 25,000
Total Sewer Expenditures	\$ 2,515,440
(591) Water Fund	
Dept. (536) Administration	\$ 111,900
(542) Water Production	\$ 572,500
(564) Meter Reading	\$ 810
(566) Depreciation	\$ 200,000
(902) Construction	\$ 0
(905) Debt Service	\$ 0
(958) Appropriations-Contributions	\$ 130,120
Total Water Expenditures	\$ 1,015,330
(661) Equipment Pool Fund	
Dept. (536) Administration	\$ 6,505
(982) Maintenance repairs	\$ 223,390
Total Equipment Expenditures	\$ 229,895

(795) Rails to Trails	
Dept. (969) Total Expenditures	\$ 15,000
Total Equipment Expenditures	\$ 15,000

Grand Total 2026-2027 Expenditures \$ 6,925,903

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of The City of Reed City authorizes the levy of 13.6275 (2026) mills on real and personal property within the City of Reed City for municipal operating purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Reed City hereby authorize the levy of .6400 mills on real and personal property within the City of Reed City for the Fire Department Building Debt Service Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Reed City does hereby direct the Assessor for the City of the City of Reed City to spread upon the tax roll the levies necessary for municipal purposes and does hereby authorize the City Treasurer to collect such taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to make budgetary transfers within the funds/departments in accordance with the fund/departmental totals established through this budget, and that all other transfers may be made only by further action of the City Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act.

This Resolution shall become effective July 1, 2026. This Resolution may be amended by the City Council at any time and any appropriations made hereunder may be increased or decreased in the Council's decision.

The Resolution and attachments as incorporated by reference herein and all amendments hereto shall constitute the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act of the City of Reed City, Osceola County, Michigan.

BUDGET ADOPTED WITH APPROPRIATIONS:

YEAS: Meinert, Guiles, Anderlohr, Bailey, and Nixon. Absent Lupo and Woodside

NAYS:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Reed City, County of Osceola, Michigan, at a meeting held on May 11, 2026, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

DATED: May 11, 2026

Chastity Eads

Budget Amendments

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve Budget Amendments for General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Water Fund as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Anderlohr, Bailey, and Nixon. Absent Lupo and Woodside.

Fire Equipment Grant

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to allow Fire Chief to apply for the Fire Equipment Grant Program as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Fishbeck Professional Service Agreement for MAHL Evaluation

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to approve Fishbeck Professional Service Agreement for Maximum Allowable Headworks Loading (MAHL) Evaluation in the amount of \$66100 authorizing the City Manager to sign as presented. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Meinert, Guiles, Anderlohr, Bailey, and Nixon. Absent Lupo and Woodside.

Findings & Recommendations of the DDA Citizen's Council

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Anderlohr, **CARRIED**, to accept the Findings and Recommendations of the DDA Citizen's Council as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Ordinance 2026-01 DDA Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan

Council Member Guiles introduced Ordinance 2026-01 an Ordinance to adopt The Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan on the City of Reed City Pursuant to act 57 of 2018, as amended.

Designation of Acting City Manager

Motion by Anderlohr, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to designate the City Treasurer as Acting City Manager from the dates of May 17, 2026, to May 22, 2026, as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Anderlohr, **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 grant DWSRF 23 is complete with DWSRF 24 nearing completion. The Celebration Park is also close to completion with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Saladin shared the items given to us by Middle MI Development Corporation from their annual meeting on May 8, 2026, awarding the City of Reed City their community award for Celebration Park. Upcoming on May 21, 2026, the city along with Fleis & VandenBrink and Gerber Construction will receive the APWA Award for the water system projects completed through the DWSRF23 and DWSRF24 grants.

Mayor Report

Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Nixon, **CARRIED**, to appoint Peggy Graham to the Zoning Board of Appeals for term ending January 18, 2029. Affirmed by voice vote.

Bill Review Reminder for June 2026 – Trevor Guiles

Mayor Meinert shared that he will be moving out of the City and intends to resign from his council position effective at the end of June 2025.

Attorney Report

Nothing currently.

Council Comments

Trevor Guiles shared May 23 Liberty Baptist Church is hosting a Bullets & BBQ event at the range behind the Church.

Nate Bailey expressed concern about the level of community involvement in planning the GACC Festival each year and encouraged members to help communicate the need for greater participation. He also noted that Jesse has done a wonderful job organizing the event.

Audience comments

Russ Nehmer shared The Veteran's Memorial Park Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2026, in downtown Reed City.

Josh Redner shared that the work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant is nearing completion and looking good. He noted that there may be one additional "balancing" change order as the final work is completed.

Adjournment Mayor Meinert adjourned the meeting at 6:39 P.M.

Chastity Eads

Chastity Eads, City Clerk