

City of Casey



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Mayor

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Mark Jenkins

City Collector

Debbie Hutton

Aldermen

Ron Bayles

Bob Dane

Jesse Dennis

Michael Nichols

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY MAY 15TH, 2017 6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday May 15th, 2017; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis presided and called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Bayles
Alderman Dane
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Nichols
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn

Absent: None

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion for approval of the Minutes of the May 1st, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. Alderman Bayles motioned approval of the May 1st, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Todd, Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion for approval of the Minutes of the May 8th, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Alderman Todd motioned approval of the May 8th, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Bayles, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Dane

Motion declared carried



Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the May 15th, 2017 Bills Payable. Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the May 15th, 2017 bills payable totaling \$385,524.76 seconded by Alderman Bayles. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford then introduced Lon Gardner with HWC. Mr. Gardner gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Project and presented Pay Apps #14 and #15. #15 is for release of some of the retainage. Clerk Mumford also presented a bill from HWC also for the Wastewater Project.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to pay from the Wastewater Construction Account to Curry Construction for Pay App #14, \$543,480.68 and Pay App #15, \$479,270.95 and to HWC in the amount of \$6,656.54, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mr. Gardner then presented Change Order #3 from the Wastewater Project. This is an increase of \$38,637.34 due to unknown unstable soil conditions and to unknown existing concrete which includes increased labor and materials costs.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of Change Order #3 for the Wastewater Project, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the Statement of Cash and Investments for March 2017:

\$11,579,137.34 and for April 2017: \$11,744,046.08 and requested approval.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the March and April 2017 Statement of Cash and Investments, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Nichols raised a question about possible changing of CD investments to get the City a better rate. Mayor Groothuis instructed City Attorney Shoaff to get with the Finance Committee to look into what can and can't be done.

Attorney Shoaff reported that she has multiple matters pending and is working on questions brought to her from the City Clerk and Mayor, but as of now has nothing to present to Council.

Superintendent Biggs reported that Water Hydrant flushing was going on during this week. Summer youth help will begin on June 5th and will work approximately through the second week of August. Biggs then presented Resolution #051517A: 2017 MFT work. He stated that this year we have approximately \$79,000 in MFT funds to work with which is approximately 50,000 square yards in oil and chipping. Biggs also recommending setting the City Wide Clean up week to June 3rd – June 10th, 2017.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of Resolution #051517A: 2017 MFT Work, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to set the City Wide Clean up for June 3rd thru June 10th 2017, seconded by Alderman Bayles. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Chief Jenkins had nothing to report.

Collector Hutton reported that Republic Services was going to donate roll-offs during the City Wide Clean Up for electronic disposal. She also presented to the Council a contract extension from Republic Services that will extend the current contract through December of 2018.

Attorney Shoaff stated that she would like more information from Republic Services that spell out exactly what the contract entails. She recommended the City accept this contract extension pending review by her.

Alderman Bayles motioned approval of contract extension with Republic Service pending a review by the City Attorney, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Collector Hutton also wanted to shout out to the Jr. High Students for their recent Amazing Race Fundraiser which raised money for the playground at the park.

New Business:

1. Main Street Speed Limit Discussion. Alderman Bayles brought up concerns with speed limit on Main Street. With all the tourist and Big Items in Casey now it has been brought

to his attention that a slower speed may be better. After some discussion the Mayor instructed the Chief of Police to work on an ordinance to change the speed limit and then take it to the Street and Alley Committee for review, and then for the Committee to bring it to the Council.

2. Economic Development Director. Mayor Groothuis would like to start looking for an Economic Development Director. He believes a job description is needed so the City knows what is needed. Mayor Groothuis assigned this to the Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee to talk to other local agencies and get a job description and start looking for an Economic Development Director.
3. Police Department Vehicle. Chief Jenkins gave an update on the bidding process and different vehicle options available for Police Package Vehicles. He is going to continue working on this and bring a recommendation to the Council.
4. Severe Weather Concerns – Alderman Todd discussed concerns with Severe Weather Sirens. Chief Jenkins brought up ILEAS and what its purpose is.
5. Possible Recreation and Tourism Intern Opportunities. They discussed the possibility to include the Casey Chamber, Big Things In a Small Town, Casey Industries to help with a possible Intern. Mayor Groothuis gave this to the Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee to further research and see what possibilities are there.
6. University of Illinois Presentation Discussion. Mayor Groothuis brought up the presentation given by the University of Illinois Class. Alderman Bayles and Dane were at the presentation and also discussed what they got out of the presentation. Mayor Groothuis brought up possible quick action items including: walking path in the park, bike lane and dog park. He directed the Street and Alley Committee to start looking at possible bike lanes, and directed the Park Committee to get with Shelby and start working on the walking path. A Park Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. to talk about the sidewalk/walking path, playground planning and other park recreation items.
7. City of Casey Business Improvement Grant. Mayor Groothuis brought up that the City of Casey used to do Business Improvements Grants. There was a grant application and process that businesses would have to go through. What the City used to do, was either pay towards the businesses utility bill or pay them directly for some type of improvement.
8. City of Casey Property Improvement Grant. Mayor Groothuis brought up this Property Improvement Grant as well. This Grant process could be used to help people and or business clean up property. Either help with a dumpster to tear old dilapidated buildings down or other help with property improvement.

Unfinished Business:

Finance Chairman Mike Nichols reported on the Public Hearing that happened just before the Council Meeting, that discussed Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations.

Alderman Bayles motioned approval of Ordinance #425: Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Bayles reported that he has some concerns brought to him from Citizens and he has already talked to Chief Jenkins and Superintendent Biggs about these concerns.

Alderman Nichols reported that he had some drainage concerns he had taken to Shelby and also a parking concern he took the Chief Jenkins.

Alderman Dane questioned the trailer sitting by the Doctors Office, and also had some drainage concerns down in his Ward.

Alderman Todd also had drainage concerns from Citizens and had an issue with a tree that Shelby is going to take care of.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis also took some calls with concerns with water and drainage. He thanked CIA and the High School Senior class for their workday in Casey. Reminded the Aldermen to get a copy of the comprehensive plan for review. He also complimented the City's Animal Control Officer Bill Carlen for the work he does.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the May 15th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Dennis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Bayles, Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk