

City of Casey



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Gail Lorton

Utilities Superintendent

Shelby Biggs

Police Chief

Mark Jenkins

City Collector

Debbie Hutton

Aldermen

Ron Bayles

Bob Dane

Jesse Dennis

Michael Nichols

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

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Big Heart

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY JUNE 5TH, 2017 6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday June 5th, 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

New Business:

Item number 5. Liquor License Discussion was moved up so Karl Weddell wouldn't have to wait. Mr. Weddell wants to open up a coffee shop/casino with video gaming machines. Per the State of Illinois Gaming license the business must have a liquor license as well. Mr. Weddell stated that it isn't going to be a bar, but he has to have drinks available. After some discussion the Mayor and Council told Mr. Weddell to come in and fill out the liquor license application.

Community Affairs:

Chamber of Commerce – Casey Crazy Days: Chief Jenkins talked about Crazy Casey Days and presented a requested road closure schedule for that day. The streets they are requesting to be closed during that day are:

- NW 1st between W. Alabama and W. Main
- NE 1st between E. Alabama and E. Main
- NE 2nd between E Alabama and E Main

Alderman Todd motioned approval for the road closure, 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

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion for approval of the Minutes of the May 15th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

Alderman Bayles motioned approval of the May 15th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion for approval of the Minutes of the May 15th, 2017 Public Hearing.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the May 15th, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes, 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

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the May 2017 Bills Paid.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the May 2017 bills paid totaling \$2,413,592.67 seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford requested approval to pay from the Wastewater Construction account to Curry Construction for Pay App #16.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to pay from the Wastewater Construction Account to Curry Construction for Pay App #16, \$156,138.00, 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 requested approval to pay from the Waterline Project Account to Curry and Associates in the amount of \$28,065.81 and to B&T Drainage for Pay App #7 in the amount of \$331,134.27.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to pay from the Waterline Project Account to Curry and Associates in the amount of \$28,065.81 and to B&D Drainage for Pay App #7 in the amount of \$331,134.27, 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

Treasurer Lorton presented the May 2017 Treasurer Collection Deposit Report and requested approval.

Alderman Bayles motioned approval of the May 2017 Treasurer Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$604,544.13, 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

Attorney Shoaff updated the Council on what she is currently working on. They did change the ordinance hearing date for City tickets to the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Superintendent Biggs reported that the City Wide Cleanup was ongoing, and that dumpsters were in place down at the Utility Building. He also thanked the local electric customers for the patience during the power outage downtown while they fixed the lines. Also on Monday June 12th at 2:30 they will be doing the 2017 MFT Bid letting.

Chief Jenkins updated the Council on his process for getting a new squad car. Also reported that he has talked to the realtor about the trailer being placed on the lot downtown. He then requested for Executive Session for discussion of personnel.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:26 p.m.

Alderman Todd motioned to resume the regular Council Meeting, 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

Regular City Council Meeting resumed at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis asked for a motion for the approval to offer the Police Officer position.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to offer the job of Police Officer to Kenneth Wayne Woods, 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

Alderman Bayles motioned approval to offer the job of Police Officer to Ethan Brewer, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to offer the job of Police Officer to Seth Brewer, the motion died because of a lack of a second.

Alderman Bayles motioned approval to offer the job of Police Officer to Austin Glidewell, 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

Collector Hutton reported gave an updated from the Collector Office and reported that 12 utilities were disconnected in May for lack of payment. All but 2 of those have been paid and reconnected. She also gave an updated on the 4th of July Celebration.

EMA Director Brewer reported that he has met with a vendor for new sirens and was waiting to get prices back from him.

New Business:

1. Park Committee Chairman Dane gave a report on the meeting held on May 22nd. Mayor Groothuis directed Shelby to get some costs together for road work around the sunken gardens.
2. Street and Alley Chairman Dennis gave a report on the meeting held on May 24th, 2017. He presented Ordinance #426: An ordinance establishing speed limits on main street and central avenue.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of Ordinance #426: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON MAIN STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE, 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

Alderman Dennis then presented the bike path route to the Council.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval for the authorization of the bike path through Casey, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

3. City Hall Phone System: Clerk Mumford gave an updated on the City Hall phone system. The current system is going bad and they don't make this type of system anymore. There are a few options to go with, either a VOIP system or stay with digital and buy a new system. There is a chance if the City goes with the VOIP system we may have to change phone numbers, but there still will be significant savings over a digital system.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of a new phone system, seconded by Alderman Dennis.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

4. City Council room floor and table: Mayor Groothuis updated the Council on new flooring for the Council room, Police Department and Utilities Office and also a new Council Room table.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval for new flooring for Council Room, Police Department and Utilities Office and a new Council Room Table, not to exceed budget limit of \$16,800.00, 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

6. Review of nuisance ordinance. Mayor Groothuis updated the Council on the tall weed ordinance and policy. He has met with Chief Jenkins, Superintendent Biggs and Clerk Mumford and they have come up with a step by step plan to enforce this ordinance.

Unfinished Business:

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Chairman Bayles gave a report on the two meetings they had held on May 21st and June 1st. They have come up with a job description for an Economic Development Position. They are going to run it by the City Attorney to get her to sign off on it.

Alderman Bayles motioned approval to start advertising for the Economic Development position, 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 Reports:

Alderman Bayles: had some concerns with high grass and weeds along Main street and the creek and has given those to Shelby.

Alderman Nichols: is still getting calls about the white truck parked along the street on NE 13th street. Wondered what can be done about it.

Alderman Dane: asked about the Tractor Pulls and if the City had a schedule for them.

Alderman Todd: has had 2 complaints about moss on the park pond. Shelby has stuff to spray for the moss.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported to the Council that he will be meeting with a security camera vendor. He is also going to get with Treasurer Lorton and Clerk Mumford and review the Purchase Order policy. Reported that the City will be helping with boarding up windows downtown. He has also got some calls about the Casey Country Club and the Sewer plant water issue, and Shelby has met with Mike Bohannon and the issue will be corrected.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the June 5th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Nichols motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dennis. 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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk