

City of Casey



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Mayor

Nik Groothuis

City Clerk

Jeremy Mumford

City Treasurer

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY AUGUST 7TH, 2017 6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday August 7th, 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:

A quorum was declared.

Resignation of Council Member:

Alderman Ron Bayles presented his letter of resignation to the City Council. He had already turned it in to Clerk Mumford who then presented it to Mayor Groothuis. Mayor Groothuis thanked Mr. Bayles for his time spent on the Council.

Appointment of Alderman to Ward I

Mayor Groothuis appointed Jerome Williams as the Alderman to Ward I, with his term ending May 1st, 2019.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the appointment of Jerome Williams as Alderman to Ward I, term ending May 1st, 2019, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford then swore in newly appointed Alderman Jerome Williams. Mr. Williams then took his seat at the Council table.

Mayor Groothuis then listed off his Committee Members:



Finance and Ordinance:

Mike Nichols, Pete Todd, Jerome Williams

Airport and Fire Department:

Mike Nichols, Kelsey Washburn, Jesse Dennis

Streets and Alleys:

Jesse Dennis, Kelsey Washburn, Jerome Williams

Public Utilities:

Bob Dane, Mike Nichols, Pete Todd

Salaries and License:

Pete Todd, Bob Dane, Jerome Williams

City Hall:

Kelsey Washburn, Mike Nichols, Jesse Dennis

Park:

Bob Dane, Pete Todd, Jesse Dennis

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development:

Jerome Williams, Kelsey Washburn, Bob Dane

Public Forum: None

Community Affairs:

Casey In Action: CIA is having a 5k run on Labor Day and the City needs to pass a Resolution to be able to block traffic for a short period of time on Route 49.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of Resolution #080717A: CIA 5k Race resolution, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Casey Historical Society: Patty Richards with CHS was present and presented to the Council a check to cover the costs of a new pedestrian crossing sign to be placed in the road. She talked about the congestion of downtown and thought that the new sign already in place has already done some good. CHS would like to fund a new sign for the City.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to accept the donation from the Casey Historical Society for a new pedestrian cross walk sign, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of Personnel. Alderman Washburn motioned approval to go into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:09 p.m.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to resume the regular meeting, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Regular session resumed at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis made the following Mayoral appointments:

City Clerk: Jeremy Mumford

City Treasurer: Gail Lorton

Superintendent of Utilities: Shelby Biggs

Chief of Police: Mark Jenkins

City Collector: Natasha Hickox

EMA Director: Donald J Brewer

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the mayoral appointments, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis then recommended the appointed officials receive a pay rate increase of 2% on their hourly rate, retroactive to May 1st, 2017.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of a pay rate increase of 2% for the appointed officials, retroactive to May 1st, 2017, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford recommended that we table the approval of the July 17th, 2017 minutes due to having the wrong names in places. He will correct this and present them to the Council at our next meeting.

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford updated the Council on the Recycling Program. Because of low participation Recycling will switch to every other week pickup.

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the July 2017 Bills Paid. The reason they are so high this month is \$3,555,778.58 was from USDA Rural Development Bond Money to pay off the interim loan for the Waterline Project.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the July 2017 bills paid totaling \$4,632,415.36, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented Pay App #18 for Wastewater Construction project.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to pay from the Wastewater Construction Account to Curry Construction for Pay App #18 in the amount of \$87,744.00, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented a request from HWC for a time extension for the Wastewater project. It would move the substantial completion date to September 15th, 2017 and the final completion date to September 30th, 2017. The reason for this extension is for prolonged delivery times of equipment and needing more time to complete the chlorine contact basin baffles.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the time extension for the Wastewater Project, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the July 2017 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report for approval.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the July 2017 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$526,004.12, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff updated the Council on her current progress with ordinance questions and different violations. She has had some issues with pets running at large. She has been in contact with the Mayor, Chief and Clerk addressing other issues and questions.

Superintendent Biggs recommended to the Council that they hire Seth Crampton for the new Street Department opening.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to hire Seth Crampton for the Street Department position, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that there are some issues with the playground equipment and he is working on solutions to resolve the issues.

Chief Jenkins had no updates for the Council.

Economic Development Director McMillen reported to the Council on what she has been working on since she has started. She has been reviewing the previous files and been reviewing the previous Business incentives Grants. She asked if the Economic Development committee would like to meet and look this over and talk about starting them back up. Chairman Williams set a tentative date for Thursday August 10th at 5:15 p.m. Director McMillen also reported to the Council that she has been meeting with the different community groups as well. She has started a City of Casey Facebook page, and has also been reviewing the U of I proposal and looking for Grants to help fund some of those projects.

New Business:

Finance Chairman Nichols reported on the meeting held on July 19th, 2017. They discussed the sunken garden roads, paint for the airport runways, Purchase order policy and equipment for the Squad Cars.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the purchase of paint for the airport runway, not to exceed \$6,000.00, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Nichols reported to the Council about some crosswalk and parking issues.

Alderman Dennis reported that he had some sidewalk issues he has talked to Shelby about.

Alderman Washburn reported that she has emailed some complaints she has gotten to the Chief and Superintendent.

Alderman Dane reported about some park vandalism issues.

Alderman Todd reported about sidewalk issues.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported about some sidewalk issues.

Complimented the City workers on the roof being done at the bathroom in the Park.

Talked about some skate park issues with makeshift ramps.

Reported that Treasurer Lorton has had some CD's come due and she shopped around and has

got some better rates for them.

He also talked about cameras in the park and playground abuse and that somebody may donate some trail cameras to the City.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the August 7th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk