

City of Casey



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Police Chief

Mark Jenkins

City Collector

Natasha Hickox

Aldermen

Bob Dane

Jesse Dennis

Michael Nichols

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY AUGUST 21ST, 2017 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday August 21st, 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 Dane
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: Alderman Nichols

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

Community Affairs:

Casey Industries – Jeanette Huisinga and Mary Gard were present and talked to the Council about the Big Things In a Small Town Committee. They are currently under the umbrella of Casey Industries, with Casey Industries beginning to pay for all the signage for the Big Things. They explained their plan for the future for signs and their estimate on what they would cost per year. They were looking for help with funding for these tourist items that help bring people to the City. After discussion the Finance Committee is going to review the Appropriations and have a meeting about this.

Casey Township Library – Gretchen Murphy and Ashley Athey were present and presented to the Council their plan for an addition to the Casey Library. They are going to expand to make more room and also make the Library accessible to everyone. They are currently on a fundraiser drive to help raise money for this new addition. The Council will also send this to the Finance Committee for review as well as have Attorney Shoaff look into any possible legal issues.



Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford presented Council Meeting Minutes from the July 17th, 2017 Council Meeting as well as from the August 7th, 2017 Council Meeting for approval.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the July 17th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the August 7th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the August 21st, 2017 Bills Payable.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the August 21st, 2017 bills payable totaling \$193,682.74, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented an Engineering bill for HWC for the Wastewater Construction project.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to pay from the Wastewater Construction Account to HWC in the amount of \$6,183.14, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford reported that Lon Gardner with HWC will be at the next meeting to present Change Order #4 for the Wastewater Project. He was still waiting on Curry Construction to present to him the final numbers for the Change Order.

Treasurer Lorton presented to the Council reports on the 1st quarter of the FY. And where each line item is at in regards to the budget.

Attorney Shoaff updated the Council on her current progress with ordinance questions and different violations. She is still reviewing properties. She also mentioned she will get with Clerk Mumford and get an ordinance together relating traveling reimbursements. She also does have the easement in place for the Shore Ag project.

Superintendent Biggs reported that he has turned into the EPA a permit for the waterline to Shore Ag, as well as for the easement. The Street department is currently installing the new playground equipment down at the park. He then presented his recommendations for the equipment that was bid on. He recommended the City the following acceptances and rejections:

Accept:

- Kicker Boards: Zach Hosselton - \$2.00
- Pool Slides: Harold Tatge - \$455.00
- Guard Chair: Dennis Mumford \$100.00
- Guard Chair: Joe Pokornik - \$36.00
- Victim Rescue Tubes: Zach Hosselton - \$1.00 each for 3
- Diving Board – medium: Harold Tatge - \$218.00
- Diving Board – small: Harold Tatge - \$128.00
- Wood Table – Jim Huddlestun: \$30.00
- Light Poles – 110v incandescent light – Jim Huddlestun: \$35.00 each for 4
- 1000w high pressure sodium lights – Chad Washburn: \$27.00 each for 6
- Office Chair – Harold Tatge: \$5.00

Reject:

- Leather Telescoping Chair
- Sound System
- Harmsco Betterfilter
- Little Anne CPR Mannequin
- Office Chair with wheels

Alderman Williams motioned approval to accept and reject the bids as presented by Superintendent Biggs, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Chief Jenkins reported about the issues facing Car #5, and then presented a bid of \$22,237.00 from J&K Mitchell for a 2018 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to purchase a 2018 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle from J&K Mitchell in the amount of \$22,237.00, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Chief Jenkins then reported that 2 spot lights for the new trucks will be ordered and installed soon. Reported that we have 3 handheld radars currently, and will be looking for a 4th so all the vehicles would have a radar. Economic Development Director McMillen reported that Chief Jenkins and her did turn in a grant application to the USDA for possible help with a new squad car.

Collector Hickox introduced herself to the Council and reported that CIA will be having an appliance pick up day in September and information will be on the back of the utility bills.

Economic Development Director McMillen reported to the Council that she has put some papers on their desks regarding the committee meeting that they had, Alderman Williams will report more on that later. One of them was a job description for an intern that will need Council Approval.

EMA Director Brewer reported that EMA is currently doing a fundraiser to raise money to send them to training for an Illinois Search and Rescue program.

New Business:

Economic Development and Downtown Improvement Chairman Williams reported on the meeting held on August 10th, 2017. They discussed the goals and objectives for the committee. They talked about restarting the business and incentive grants; they want to offer 10 grants at \$2,400 apiece. They also talked about the spring internship job description. They also talked about city property and if they want to start selling these properties or what they would like to do with City owned properties. Economic Development Director McMillen has reached out to different landlords about what rates would be if we used them for boarding for the Intern. She will gather more information and present it to the Economic Development Committee.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to restart the City of Casey Business Grant program with applications being due on 10/6/17, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the requirements of the Spring Internship, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into executive session for discussion of possible litigation.

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to resume the Regular Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Todd wanted to give compliments to Bernie Morgan for clearing out the park pond and treating it.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that he will be having a meeting with the City Workers about the Purchasing Order procedures.

Reported that WTWO will be in town tomorrow filming a live segment.

CIA has around 100 people preregistered for their 5k over labor day weekend.

He has talked to the Shriners and they said they will handle the parade on the 4th of July next year, as well as continue to do the fish fry and have a concession trailer.

Mayor Groothuis brought up an issue with our Council Meeting Dates in September. He already knows of a few council members that won't be able to attend the first meeting, which is on Wednesday September 6th. After discussion they decided to cancel the 2 regular meetings and schedule 1 meeting for September on Monday the 11th.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to cancel the meetings on September 6th and September 18th, and set a meeting for Monday September 11th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

There was no further Business of the City Council for the August 21st, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk