

# 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

Natasha Hickox

## Aldermen

Bob Dane  
Jesse Dennis  
Michael Nichols  
Pete Todd  
Kelsey Washburn  
Jerome Williams

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 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 Nichols  
Alderman Todd  
Alderman Washburn

Absent: Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

### Community Affairs:

Bernie Morgan reported about the WEIU Casey: This is our Story program. They finished filming the storytellers the other day. This will preserve Casey's history, and they will feature this film on their TV Channel. They have already done 8 other cities. Mr. Morgan is looking for a \$1,000.00 donation to help sponsor this film. After some discussion the following motion was made: Alderman Nichols motioned approval of a \$1,000.00 donation to WEIU for Casey: This is our Story, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

### Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting.



Alderman Todd motioned approval of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

#### Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Bills Payable.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Bills Payable totaling \$418,582.53, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford requested approval to pay from the Wastewater Project Fund to HWC for their Monthly Engineering Bill.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to pay from the Wastewater Project Fund to HWC in the amount of \$5,049.40, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff presented an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the FOP. The Illinois General Assembly recently passed a new law that requires drug testing to be done after an officer involved shooting; this amendment just specifies this change. Attorney Shoaff recommends the City accept this change.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the Change to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Fraternal Order of Police, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of possible acquisition of property and possible litigation.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of possible acquisition of property and possible litigation, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Williams  
Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:17 p.m.

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

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Williams  
Motion declared carried

Regular Session resumed at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion for purchase of property.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to purchase the property at 503 S Central (PIN: 03-11-19-20-402-014) in the amount of \$646.00, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Williams  
Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that Seth Crampton has finished his probationary period and he recommends the Council approve him to full time status.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to move Seth Crampton to full time status with the City, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Williams  
Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs looked for council approval to purchase a Ford F550 4x4 Utility Truck to be used by the Water Department from Landmark Ford in the amount of \$45,438.00. This is a state bid truck. This can be paid out from the Waterline project funds since the truck will be used to help pull equipment to maintain the new water line to Marshall.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to purchase a Ford F550 4x4 Utility Truck from Landmark Ford in the amount of \$45,438.00, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that we needed to bury a water line out on Dupont Road. Since we switched to Marshall water line this line does not have enough water flowing through it to not freeze over. This line has recently become exposed so we need to bury it.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to bury the waterline on Dupont Road, seconded by Alderman Dane in the amount of \$14,479.00. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs looked for approval to purchase a CAT Skid Steer with Bush Hog attachment. This will be paid for through different funds new equipment line. This will be used at the Sewer Plant as well as clearing ROW on new Waterline. Biggs also explained we can rent attachment for other projects as well.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to purchase a CAT Skid Steer with Bush Hog attachment, in the amount of \$58,334.00, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Chief Jenkins reported that the printers for the E-citation program are installed and ready to be used. He also received a complaint about cell phone violations in the City and he wanted to let the Council know this past year the department has issued 115 cell phone violations.

Collector Hickox reported that she would like to have a Utility Committee Meeting to discuss the Cities Water leak procedure and to talk about the upcoming contract with Republic. Alderman Dane will come up with a date and they will get it scheduled.

Economic Development Director Megan Clark introduced our new Intern London Thomas from the University of Illinois. Ms. Thomas will be with the City this spring semester. She has already hit the ground running and working on projects. Clark also reported that the Days Inn is now under new Ownership and they are looking forward to working with the City.

New Business:

Street and Alley Chairman Dennis reported on the meeting they held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 where they discussed the speed limit on Main Street. Chief Jenkins has had the officers run radar on

Main Street, and they have clocked 443 vehicles and the average speed was 26.8 mph which is less than the posted speed limit. For now Chairman Dennis thinks the police continue to run radar and leave the speed limit where it is.

With Alderman Williams absent Director Clark reported on the meeting they had on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They had 6 applications for the business grants through the City. The Committee would like to recommend the following:

Approval of Business Improvement Grants in the amount of \$2,400.00 to Pretty Petals and More, Investment Planners Inc., and Eighteen-Ninety Sleepover.

Approval of Utility Grant in the amount of \$2,400.00 to A+ Venue.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the City of Casey Business Improvement Grants to the 3 stated businesses and of the City of Casey Utility Grant to the one stated businesses, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Salary and License Chairman Todd reported on the meeting held on 1/11/18. He discussed the issue with the last codification and that Clerk Mumford is looking at what it would take to codify more often. Todd then reported that the committee was approached by Bruce Sloat with Down the Street Too, about being open for pool play on Sundays. Todd stated that Bruce asked to either be open with full sales on Sundays, to be open for pool and they can BYOB, or he would even be happy if he could be open for pool play but still be dry on Sunday. Todd stated that since Alderman Williams wasn't at the meeting he would like to table this so all Alderman can vote on this. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis opened it up for any motion, hearing none he tabled it until a later Council Meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Dane asked who they are supposed to call after hours with a water meter problem; he said he would get a phone call list.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that Joe Snedeker was in and gave a couple of letters to the Mayor. The first stated that 24,170 people have visited the Hall of Fame Museum. Another letter was given to Director Clark and thanked her for the assistance with raising money for the fence at the trucker diamond.

Mayor Groothuis then read from a letter from somebody who visited our town and really enjoyed visiting Casey.

Mayor Groothuis would like to have a committee of the whole meeting set towards the end of February or beginning of March. He asked the Aldermen to get a list of dates to him so he can

schedule something.

Mayor Groothuis reported on some upcoming meetings he has scheduled.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk