

City of Casey



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Nik Groothuis

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Jeremy Mumford

City Treasurer

Gail Lorton

Utilities Superintendent

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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 MAY 6TH, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday May 6th, 2019; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis was present and called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Dane
Alderman Nichols
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn

Absent: Alderman Dennis
Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

None

Community Affairs:

None

Mayor Groothuis wanted to move up on the agenda, Kevin McReynolds from Coles County Regional Planning. Mr. McReynolds presented an agreement that would be between the City and Coles County Regional Planning for a grant project for the water lines in the NW part of town.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of an agreement between the City of Casey and Coles County Regional Planning for a waterline grant in the North West part of town, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the April 15th, 2019 City Council Meeting.



Alderman Dane motioned approval of the minutes of the April 15th, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the April 2019 bills paid in the amount of \$986,186.12.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the April 2019 bills paid in the amount of \$986,186.12, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton looked for approval of the April 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$676,234.10.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the April 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit in the amount of \$676,234.10, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Nichols, Todd, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Retiring of the outgoing Council and Closing remarks:

1. Alderman Mike Nichols Ward I: Alderman Nichols thanked everybody and wished the incoming council the best of luck
2. Alderman Jesse Dennis Ward II: Absent
3. Alderman Bob Dane Ward III: Alderman Dane thanked everybody and said he has enjoyed every minutes of working on the City Council.

Mayor Groothuis thanked the Alderman for the years of service they have given to the City.

Swear-In Newly Elected

Clerk Mumford swore in Alderman Ward I Marcy Mumford, Alderman Ward II Carlene Richardson and Alderman Ward III Butch Ruffner. The term is from May 6th, 2019 to May 1st, 2023.

Alderman Jerome Williams was re-elected as Alderman to Ward I for a term May 6th, 2019 to May 1st, 2021. Alderman Williams was absent so will be sworn in at a later date.

Mayor Groothuis appointed the following committees:

Parks and Airport: Richardson, Washburn and Mumford

City Hall and Public Safety: Washburn, Todd and Ruffner

Ordinances and Licenses: Todd, Williams and Mumford

Finance and Salaries: Williams, Todd and Richardson

Streets and Alleys: Williams, Ruffner and Washburn

Public Utilities: Ruffner, Todd and Williams

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development: Mumford, Washburn and Richardson

Officers Reports:

Attorney Shoaff requested approval to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Collective Bargaining matters and Sell of property.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to go into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:21 p.m.

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

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Regular meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis opened up the floor to any motions.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the tentative agreement with the IBEW Union which would change the following:

- Residency requirements would go from 2 to 5 miles
- After 20 years working another week of vacation would be granted
- This would be a 3 year agreement
- 2% raise each year of the agreement
- Non office based members will start at 17.94
- Office based members will start at 13.75
- \$1.00 per hour raise for hazard pay for gas and electric departments

Alderman Richardson seconded the motion. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Present: 1 – Washburn

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that he has an opportunity to lock in natural gas prices through March 2023 with the IPEA. He gave the Council a history of gas prices and then the list of the actually locked in prices. This would be for 75% of our volume, the remaining 25% would be at market cost.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to lock in IPEA Gas Pricing through March 2023, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Biggs reported that the last concrete pour should be done soon, and hopefully that project be finished in 2 weeks.

EMA Director Brewer reported that he would like to move the siren we have down at the utility building to the park. He would like to have a Public Safety meeting for discussion of this. They set a City Hall and Public Safety meeting for Thursday May 9th, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Chief Jenkins reported that he was still looking for another certified officer to replace an officer when he resigns.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Mumford reported that she was grateful for the support and looks forward to continue help the Community progress.

Alderman Richardson reported that she was excited to be here and to get started working.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that he has received letters from Mrs. Oakley's 2nd grade class with suggestions for the playground and park. He would like for the alderman to stop in and take a look at these sometime. He also wanted to remind everybody about he Committee Of the Whole meeting set for Monday May 13th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the May 6th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Washburn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the

vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk