

City of Casey



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Mayor

Nik Groothuis

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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 MAY 21st, 2018 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday May 21st, 2018; 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 Dennis
Alderman Nichols
Alderman Todd

Absent: Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

None

Community Affairs:

Dave Liebenow with the Casey Chamber of Commerce was present and presented the 2018 Crazy KZ Days set for June 16th from 9:00 – 4:00. There will be a car show, food trucks, Artisan Fair and other not for profit organizations will have booths set up. He is looking for approval to shut down NE 2nd next to the Rocking Chair and SE 1st next to the Multiplex. Dave also asked if the City would Sponsor the event with \$200.00 sponsorship.

Alderman Nichols motioned to approve to shut down SE 1st and NE 2nd Street as stated and also to sponsor the event with \$200.00, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the May 7th, 2018 Council Meeting.



Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the May 7th, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the May 21st 2018 Bills Payable.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the May 21st 2018 Bills Payable totaling \$154,678.45, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented the Final Pay App #11 from B&T Drainage for the retainage from the Waterline Project, to be paid from the Waterline Project Fund.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to pay from the Waterline Project Fund to B&T Drainage for Pay App #11 in the amount of \$30,000.00, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff reported that she is still waiting on Advanced to review the trash contract. She has filed for judgement for 14 W Main Street, and there is a court date set for in June. She has filed the mowing liens from last year and will follow up with a judgement on a few of those properties.

Superintendent Biggs reported that IDOT has plans to redo Route 49 through Casey and if we want the parking area's done they can do them for us at our cost. He will have a cost estimate for that at a later date. City Wide Clean up date is set for June 2nd through 9th. Slides for the Park have been ordered and the City can pick them up starting May 28th. Curb and guttering working is going on down at the sunken gardens in the park. The Street Sweeper will be running on Thursday mornings downtown, and side streets as needed. 603 S Central will hopefully be torn down over the next 2 weeks. The skate park equipment will be assembled by the end of this week. He will also be advertising for bids for a new roof at the Sewer Plant.

Chief Jenkins has been working on the nuisance lists and the officers have been giving abate tickets. He also brought up that Jerry Self has bought a few buildings downtown and is going to

be doing bike and golf cart rentals. Chief Jenkins presented a change to the bike route to better accommodate this rental facility. After some discussion, the Council would like to see golf carts be allowed to go wherever they would like, except for State Highway 49. They would need to change the Ordinance to allow this. They decided on a new route that is the following:

Starts by the Bird cage and goes south on SW 1st street to General Robey. From General Robey it will run East to SE 2nd Street. It will then go to Main Street and run to NE 13th Street to go to the Golf Tee and Pitch Fork. It will also run from Main Street down SE 4th Street to the Park.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to change the current bike route and to allow Golf Carts to go wherever they would like in Casey besides Route 49, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Collector Hickox wanted to remind everybody again to get signed up for curbside recycling if they would like to recycle.

Economic Development Director Clark introduced Kahala Glover who is our new Intern. They also talked about what they have been working on. They have attended the ECDIC annual meeting. They have a potential hotel developer coming to meet with them next month.

New Business:

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of the following: salary scheduled for Appointed Officials, discussion of a request by the FOP Union, and discussion of the Sewer Plant Forman Position.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of the salary schedule for Appointed Officials, discussion of a request by the FOP Union, and discussion of the Sewer Plant Forman Position, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:51 p.m.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to resume the regular meeting, seconded by Alderman Todd.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis asked if there were any motions on the salary schedules for Appointed Officials.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Superintendent Biggs a raise of 1.5% retroactive to May 1st, 2018, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Chief Jenkins a raise of 1.5% retroactive to May 1st, 2018, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 3 – Dane, Todd and Groothuis

Nays: 2 – Dennis and Nichols

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Clerk Mumford a raise of 3% retroactive to May 1st, 2018, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 3 – Dane, Todd and Groothuis

Nays: 2 – Dennis and Nichols

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Treasurer Lorton a raise of 5% retroactive to May 1st, 2018, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Collector Hickox a raise of 4.5% retroactive to May 1st, 2018, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 1 – Todd

Nays: 3 – Dane, Dennis and Nichols

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared failed

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Economic Development Director Clark a raise of 4.5% retroactive to May 1st, 2018, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 3 – Dane, Todd and Groothuis
Nays: 2 – Dennis and Nichols
Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams
Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis stated that there is no Council Action needed on request from FOP Union.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to start advertising for a new hire for the Utility Department, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams
Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis reported that Sewer Plant Forman Gary Nohren will be retiring at the end of August.

Airport Committee Chairman Nichols reported on the meeting held on 5/14/18 where they discussed upcoming projects for the Airport.

Unfinished Business:

Finance Chairman Nichols reported on the meeting held on 5/14/18 where they continued work on FY 19 Appropriations.

Public Utility Chairman Dane reported on the meeting held on 5/15/18 where they discussed Water rates. They are going to have another meeting after a rate study is done on our current water rates. They also talked about the Sanitation processing fee's the City charges. Currently for residential outside city limits the fee is higher. The Committee would like to see In-town vs out of town be the same.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to change the Residential outside City Limit Processing fee to \$1.50, seconded by Alderman Todd.

After some discussion Alderman Dane and Todd both agreed to withdraw their motion.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to change the Residential Inside and Outside City Limits Sanitation processing fee to \$2.00 per month, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams
Motion declared carried

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Nichols presented some information from Joe Snedeker about the Softball Hall of

fame at the Park.

Alderman Dennis reported that he has sent property information to Chief Jenkins.

Alderman Todd reported that he has gotten 3 calls about Disc Golf and interest in it.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that the Council room looks good with the new updates Director Clark and Intern Thomas have done. He also looks forward to the meeting Director Clark will be having in regards to Welcome Center in Casey.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the May 21st, 2018 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 - Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk