

City of Casey



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Nik Groothuis

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Jeremy Mumford

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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 AUGUST 6TH, 2018 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday August 6th, 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
Alderman Washburn

Absent: Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

Patty Richards was present representing the Casey Historical Society. She presented a sign for the Cumberland Cemetery to the City to help direct people to the cemetery.

Community Affairs:

Popcorn Festival Committee – Bernie Morgan was present on behalf of the Casey Popcorn Festival Committee and reported on the festival this year. They are on their fundraising drive and are requesting \$5,000 from the City. After some discussion Finance Chairman Nichols reported that he believed they budgeted \$2,500 for the festival. Mayor Groothuis asked about the money the committee received from running the 4th of July. Bernie reported that they received approximately \$640 which they turned over to the City.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of a \$3,500 donation to the Casey Popcorn Festival, 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

Teri Burton with Casey in Action was present and reported to the Council that Casey In Action would like to continue to fundraise and get donations to add to



the sidewalk memorial in the playground area at the park. After some discussion the Council agreed to let CIA continue this work. Mayor Groothuis just asked before they pour any concrete to get with Superintendent Biggs for placement.

Stacey Hickox with the Casey Moose was present and talked to the Council about the hardship the Moose is facing currently. They had some complaints with the water and sewer bill at their location because of leaks in the past. They are looking for further consideration to help offset the leaks. The Collector's Office has already done leak adjustments for this location in the past. Mayor Groothuis asked that they get with the Public Utility Committee to review their bills. Public Utility Chairman Dane called for a meeting on Monday August 13th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the July 16th, 2018 Council Meeting.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the July 16th, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, 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

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the July 16th, 2018 Public Hearing.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the July 16th, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dane.

Alderman Dennis committed that he wasn't present at the meeting so his name needs to be taken off of the present list for the meeting. Clerk Mumford will make the change.

Upon roll call the vote pending the change 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 July 2018 Bills Paid.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the July 2018 Bills Paid totaling \$678,661.89, 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

Treasurer Lorton presented the following Statements of Cash and Investments for approval:

- February 2018: \$11,813,363.21
- March 2018: \$12,107,256.85
- April 2018: \$12,334,504.03
- May 2018: \$12,120,773.30
- June 2018: \$12,120,437.15

Alderman Todd motioned approval for February, March, April, May and June 2018 Statements of Cash and Investments, 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

Treasurer Lorton presented the July 2018 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report for approval.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the July 2018 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$579,429.75, 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 reported on what she has been working on.

Superintendent Biggs reported that the sunken garden project is currently ongoing and he isn't sure on a finish date yet. 603 S Central should be torn down in 3 or 4 more weeks. The building for the welcome center should be moved within the next 2 weeks.

Chief Jenkins presented to the Council a letter recommending that Officer Wayne Woods be moved to full time status and taken off of probation.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to be moved to full time status and taken off of probation, 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 then reported that the Mayor and him have had a couple of meetings with the School about a School Resource Officer. The City would need to hire a new Officer to either fill this position or replace a current officer that takes that position. The Council agreed that having a

SRO is necessary and directed Chief Jenkins to continue looking into this agreement with the school.

EMA Director Brewer presented two bids for the outdoor warning siren. He recommended the Council accept the bid from Global Technical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$21,962.00.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to accept the bid from Global Technical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$21,962.00 for a new Outdoor Warning Siren, 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

New Business:

Casey Martin's IGA – Jeremy Perie was present and requested the Council think about allowing the Casey IGA to sell package alcohol. The other two locations associated with Casey, Newton and Effingham already allow the sale of alcohol. After some discussion Alderman Todd made the following motion:

Alderman Todd motioned approval to add 1 Class D liquor license to our Liquor Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 1 – Washburn

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Public Utility Chairman Dane reported on meeting held on 7/17/18, where they talked about water and sewer utility rates.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to raise water and sewer rates for residential customers 4%, as well as add an \$8.00 meter maintenance fee per meter per month to begin with the next billing cycle, seconded by Alderman Todd.

After some discussion Mayor Groothuis called for a vote:

Ayes: 3 – Dane, Nichols, and Todd

Nays: 2 – Dennis and Washburn

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd reported on Public Utility meeting held on 7/31/18 where they met with the school district about a possible Solar Farm being put in at the School. They will have another meeting with the solar company and the IMEA about this possibility.

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel and possible purchase of property.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion fo personnel and purchase of property, 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

Executive Session started at 7:28 p.m.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to resume the regular City Council Meeting, 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

Regular meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to purchase 18 W Main St. for \$500.00, 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

Mayor Groothuis appointed Bailey Maulding as the City’s Economic Development Director with a starting salary at \$30,000.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of confirmation of Bailey Maulding as Economic Development Director, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 1 – Nichols

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

None

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported on the following:

- He has had several complaints about grass clippings on the streets.
- He has talked to Superintendent Biggs about tree trimming at the park before the Popcorn Festival
- Compliment CIA for movies at the park
- Thanked John Crouch for the music at the park he has ran this summer
- Questioned if Main Street would get finished with new Asphalt
- Questioned if the Council is ok with Ugh-Oh Auto Body using City property to park his vehicles and sell vehicles
- The state is going to go forward with Rte 49 project and will bid in out in January of 2019 and expect to get started in March or April of 2019
- The Illinois State treasurer will be meeting with Mayor Groothuis soon
- CIA will be hosting EIU Freshman and they will clean the park up before the popcorn festival
- He has received an application for a Fall Intern and will talk to her soon
- The Department of National Resources will include the City Pond this fall and spring in their Trout program

There was no further Business of the City Council for the August 6th, 2018 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk