

City of Casey



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Aldermen

Bob Dane

Jesse Dennis

Michael Nichols

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY AUGUST 20TH, 2018 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday August 20th, 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 Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: Alderman Nichols

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

None

Community Affairs:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the August 6th, 2018 Council Meeting. Alderman Dennis noted a change needs to be made on one of the votes – Williams was absent not Washburn.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the August 6th, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, 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

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the August 15th, 2018 Special Meeting. He would like to make one change, he wants to include the property address in the minutes for clarification, which is 1 S Central.

A Small Town with a

Big Heart

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the August 15th, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote pending the change 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 20th, 2018 Bills Payable.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the August 20th, 2018 Bills Payable totaling \$246,282.08, 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

Superintendent Biggs reported that Seth Crampton has moved over to the Electrical Department and is recommending he receive the \$1.00 per hour hazard pay raise that the Electrical and Gas Departments get.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to give Seth Crampton a \$1.00 per hour hazard pay raise, 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

Superintendent Biggs presented Resolution #082018A: A Resolution approving the Bid from Lawrence Gravel for 2018 MFT work in the amount of \$72,793.75. He stated that they were the only bidder and they came in about \$10,000.00 less than the Engineering estimate.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of Resolution #082018A, 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

Attorney Shoaff reported that the City has received titles to 14, 16 and 18 W Main Street. The Council needs to decide how to proceed with selling the properties. She gave 2 different options of selling, either sealed bid, or public auction or sale through realtor. After some discussion the following motion was made:

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to accept sealed bids for the sale of property at 14, 16 and 18 W Main Street in Casey, 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

Attorney Shoaff then reported that Superintendent Biggs has bid spec sheets ready for the demolition of 1 S Central and he put that they will be open on Friday August 24th at 1:00 p.m. The Council will then like to have a special meeting the following week to award the bid so they can get started as soon as possible on tearing that building down.

Chief Jenkins asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of School Resource Officer salary schedule, 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

Executive Session began at 6:35 p.m.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to resume regular meeting, 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

Regular City Council meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis introduced Bailey Maulding as the new Economic Development Director for the City.

Economic Development Director Maulding reported on what she has been working on her first few weeks. She has found out that a feasibility study needs to be done on Casey for developers. It would give us more information on the City and it is something developers look for when trying to find a new location. She would also like to get an Economic Development Committee meeting set for discussion on City grants, as she does have one application for the 1st quarter. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 30th, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

EMA Director Brewer reported that the new siren should start going up in about 2 months.

New Business:

Public Utility Chairman Dane reported on meeting held on 8/13/18. They met with representatives from the Moose where they were looking for some help with their Water and Sewer bills as they have had a lot of leaks within the past few years. The committee showed where the City has done leak adjustments beyond what our policy is for them, but they will have the Collector's office keep an eye on it and if there are any other leaks this year they can adjust again for them.

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Williams reported he has been getting calls about the recent rate increase. Alderman Dane asked about getting an officer to monitor foot traffic by Roosevelt. Also stated that his son showed him a USA News article that Casey was listed in.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported on the following:

- CIA hosted EIU students this weekend and they helped clean up the park
- Also reminded people that the Popcorn Festival is coming up and it looks like a good schedule of events for the weekend.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the August 20th, 2018 Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Dennis motioned to adjourn, 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

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk