

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

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2018 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday September 5th, 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:

Patty Richards was present and just wanted to thank Shelby and the utility guys for putting up the signs for the cemetery.

Community Affairs:

Mayor Groothuis brought up that the Historical Society is asking for a \$500.00 donation to help with the costs of a historical marker that they want to put in downtown Casey. Mayor Groothuis noted that they do have some money in the Economic Development Director's Budget in special partnering for this.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of a \$500.00 donation to the Casey Historical Society, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Todd

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the August 20th, 2018 Council Meeting.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the August 20th, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, 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

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the Minutes of the August 30th, 2018 Special Meeting.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the August 30th, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Williams.

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 2018 Bills Paid.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the August 2018 Bills Paid totaling \$666,163.79, 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

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

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the August 2018 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$678,680.28, 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

Attorney Shoaff reported that the bids for 14-16 and 18 W Main have been put into the paper.

Bids are due back on October 1st 2018 at 3:30 pm in the Clerk's Office. They will be opened at the Council Meeting that night.

Chief Jenkins reported that the new Squad Car has started production but they don't have a date for delivery yet. He reported that Officer Lee has taken a position with the Coles County Sheriff's Office. He also presented Resolution #090518A which is a resolution for the Homecoming Parade at the end of September.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of Resolution #090518A, 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

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel, 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

Executive Session started at 6:15 p.m.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to resume regular meeting, 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

The Regular meeting resumed at 6:35 p.m.

Chief Jenkins made a recommendation to hire Seth Brewer as a probationary Police Officer for the City.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to hire Seth Brewer as a probationary Police Officer, 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

Collector Hickox reported that Advanced Disposal has 277 recycling customers now which is about 27% of our trash customers. She also reported that the sewer increase was reflected on this past bill, but the water increase won't be done until the next bill because of where we were in the billing cycle.

Economic Development Director Maulding reported on what she has been working on. She has a marketing seminar on September 11th at 7:30 a.m. here at City Hall. Also the company doing the feasibility study is coming to town soon to meet with and give us a quote on the study.

EMA Director Brewer reported that it was a pretty uneventful Popcorn Festival Weekend for them.

New Business:

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Chairman Williams reported on the meeting they had on 8/31/18 where they discussed City Incentive Grants. They have three that they want to reward. After some discussion Economic Development Director Maulding reported that two of the businesses have already done the project they applied for so that disqualifies them for receiving the grant.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to award City Incentive Grant to BEI Automotive in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a new awning, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Todd and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 - Washburn

Absent: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Dane asked about curbside junk pickup and asked for help with an explanation of Utility Bill Charges.

Mayor Reports:

- CIA will be having an old appliance pick up day in October
- There is a Winnebago camp out at the park this weekend
- The last open mic night at the park is this Thursday and wants to thank John Crouch for organizing these events all summer.
- Thanked the popcorn festival committee for a good festival weekend.
- Prep work will start for the demo for 1 S central next week and they will start the demo on Monday the 17th.
- He has had some concerns brought to him about lack of sidewalks on East Alabama and East Main

There was no further Business of the City Council for the September 5th, 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 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk