

City of Casey



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Bob Dane

Jesse Dennis

Michael Nichols

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

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Big Heart

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 2017 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday October 2nd, 2017; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis presided and called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Dane
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: Alderman Nichols
Alderman Todd

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: Bobby Staley with EMA was present. He wanted to thank JJet for lending a golf cart for EMA to use during the Popcorn Festival. Also asked the Mayor if he would be able to draw a winner for their knife raffle on Friday October 6th, at noon at Stifals. They are also having a search and rescue class at the senior center and wanted to invite the public to attend. He also thanked the PD for working with EMA during the Popcorn Festival.

Community Affairs:

Casey In Action – Howard Loftis presented to the Council 5 new charcoal grills that CIA would like to donate to the City to be placed at the pavilions at the park.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to accept the donation of charcoal grills from CIA for Fairview Park, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Rolling Thunder – Don York presented to the Council their plan for a POW/MIA empty chair memorial. Mr. York explained about the Veterans Support Group they are part of and what all they do. They would install and provide everything that is needed for the memorial, which includes a chair, post,

podium, plaque and chain. They would like to do a dedication on Veterans Day if possible.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to accept the donation of a POW/MIA memorial by Rolling Thunder, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Trick or Treat Night – Mayor Groothuis brought up the discussion of setting Trick or Treat Night. After some discussion they decided to set it on Tuesday October 31st, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to set Trick or Treat Night on Tuesday October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford presented Council Meeting Minutes from the September 11th, 2017 Council Meeting for approval.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the September 11th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the September 2017 Bills Paid.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the September 2017 bills paid totaling \$1,138,622.49, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford then presented Pay App #9 from B&T Drainage from the Waterline Project.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to pay from the Waterline Project to B&T Drainage in the amount of \$58,787.20 for Pay App #9, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented August and September 2017 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report. Alderman Williams motioned approval of August 2017, \$610,467.74 and September 2017, \$639,099.97 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Reports, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented July and August 2017 Statements of Cash and Investment.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of July 2017, \$11,391,470.57 and August 2017, \$12,047,486.84 Statements of Cash and Investment, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff presented Ordinance #427: An Ordinance which regulates the reimbursement of travel, meal and lodging expenses.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of Ordinance #427, seconded by Alderman Washburn.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff presented Ordinance #428: An Ordinance approving trade of recreational personal property with the City of Marshall. She explained that with the excess pool equipment we could trade for Marshall's skate park equipment that they want to get rid of. This Ordinance will allow for that trade.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of Ordinance #428, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff also talked about other things she has been working on. She did have a concern with donating money from one taxing body to another. She has been appearing once a month at court for ordinance violations, and she has filed a petition to start litigation with the court to do with some delinquent buildings.

Superintendent Biggs gave an update on the Waterline Project. They have has some issues getting the SCADA system to work, but it looks like we will start pumping water to Casey on Wednesday October 4th.

Officer Henderson presented to the Council two names to be hired as part time officers. They are Dan Hanley, and Trent Seiler. Chief Jenkins has vetted both of these officers.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to hire Dan Hanley and Trent Seiler as part-time police officers, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Officer Henderson then introduced Sheriff Deputy Keith Crouch. Deputy Crouch then presented the E-Ticket program to the City. This is a program that the County will be implementing and wants to see if Casey would join as well. The Council would like some more information on it and will decide at a later Council Meeting.

Economic Development Director McMillen reported to the Council that she will be starting a Business Registration Application, so the City can be aware of all businesses being run in the City. She hopes to get all business to fill out this application. She has also started a list of all available buildings and land for either rent or purchase so she can provide that to potential businesses. She is also calling an Economic Development Committee Meeting to discuss the Grant Applications she has been receiving. She is setting it for 10/10/17 at 5:15 p.m.

New Business:

Mayor Groothuis appointed Megan McMillen as the Cities Enterprise Zone Administrator.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of Megan McMillen as the City of Casey Enterprise Zone Administrator, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis brought up the Fireworks contract with Sky Magic Pyrotechnic. They are looking at a 3 year contract. Alderman Dennis asked if we got quotes from other companies as well. Mayor Groothuis will table this and talk to other companies.

Alderman Jerome Williams reported on the Finance Meeting that was held on 9/25/17. They reviewed the first quarter budget and appropriations.

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Dennis had a business owner email him about Sunday Alcohol sales. Mayor Groothuis reported that he also had a business owner come in and talk about Sunday Sales. Alderman Williams thinks they should come to the Council Meeting and present their request to the Council.

Alderman Dane would like to get a meeting together to discuss information on splash pads. He will get information together and then get a meeting set.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis asked about what would need to be done to get a road from Route 49 to Richards Farm. Him and McMillen have been looking at the Comprehensive Plan the students from U of I put together and Ms. McMillen is applying for a grant for a dog park for down at the park.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the October 2nd, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Nichols and Todd

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk