

City of Casey



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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY OCTOBER 16th, 2017 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday October 16th, 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 Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: Alderman Nichols

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

Community Affairs:

Gary and Diane Richards – Richards Farm: Gary and Diane talked to the Council about the possibility of allowing class E liquor license holders to be able to sell Alcohol on Sundays. Since they are now open on Sunday evenings they have had people ask. They would also like to be able to have more banquets and receptions on Sundays as well. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis thinks we should send this to the Salaries and License committee to talk about it further and possibly bring a recommendation to the Council.

Colin Bird with The Sojourner movie was present and gave a background on his movie. He told the Council about his plan for the movie and what he is currently doing for the movie.

Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford presented Council Meeting Minutes from the October 2nd, 2017 Council Meeting for approval.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the October 2nd, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, 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

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the October 16th, 2017 Bills Payable.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the October 16th, 2017 Bills Payable totaling \$207,141.45, 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

Superintendent Biggs gave an update on the Waterline Project. He estimates we have about 80% of our customers on Marshall Water. The water department is still flushing hydrants this week. They still have to do the final walkthrough on the Waterline Project.

On the Sewer Project, they are waiting on the completion of the chlorination system. Then the SCADA tech will come and finish his job.

Curbing at the park will be started next week.

Officer Henderson reported that the new squad car was in. He was working on getting estimates for equipment for the car.

Collector Hickox reported that she has been working with the school and republic services and they were able to come up with a price plan that will allow the schools to continue recycling.

Economic Development Director McMillen reported to the Council that they have set a deadline for the internship application for November 1st. She has a report from the tourism center that the first 3 weeks they were open they had around 2,200 people come into the center.

Megan is currently working on 2 different grants, one is called the Mary Heath and the other is for downtown improvement.

Our new City website is up and running. Megan is getting with everybody at City hall to help update the content on the site.

EMA Director Brewer gave an update on his raffle. He is also having a Search and Rescue class open to the public on November 2nd, which is put on by the State of Illinois. Director Brewer has also started an EMA Facebook page.

New Business:

1. The lien issue will not need Council Action. At first Attorney Shoaff thought we would need council action on a property that was being sold, but we didn't end up having liens against the property.
2. Superintendent Biggs is still gathering information on a truck for the Sewer plant.
3. Superintendent Biggs is still gathering information a skid steer for use by all departments.

4. Clark County E-Citation program. Deputy Crouch was present again. He reported that Martinsville is going to be a part of the program. The program will cost us approximately \$2,500 for startup for printers and license, then \$481.80 per year if Westfield is on board with the program or \$520.34 if they are not on board with the program. Attorney Shoaff has concerns with the contract and with needing to get an Intergovernmental Agreement with all parties involved. She has no issue with the Council proceeding but she will be in touch with the other town's attorneys.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to participate in the Clark County E-Citation Program, 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

5. Officer Henderson brought concerns to the council about needing a threshold on when to seize vehicles due to arrests. He would like some kind of direction on what that threshold would be.
6. Alderman Williams reported on the Committee Meeting held for the Economic Development Committee for discussion of the business grant program. They are going to recommend the Council award 4 grants with 1 more needing clarification from the attorney, which we can vote on at a later council meeting date. McMillen reported that if awarded she would let the ones that received the grants know, and would also send a denial letter to the ones that were denied. In that letter she would request they apply again, and give tips on how to make their application better. The 4 the committee is recommending is:

Reflections restaurant: \$1,160.00

The Yarn Studio: \$2,400.00

Crazy Beautiful: \$1,500.00

Mia Bella Salon: \$1,052.50

If council approves this, it will leave money left over in the program and the Committee would like to review applications quarterly.

Alderman Williams motioned to approve the 4 business grant applications as well as to change the application process to quarterly, 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

Unfinished Business:

1. Mayor Groothuis reported that he has emailed 3 different firework companies. One of them won't do shows for as low as our budget it. The other one has less fireworks for the same cost and our previous company we used.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the Firework Contract with Sky Magic Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$8,650.00 for 3 years, 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

2. Resolution #101617A was presented for approval; this is for the Candy Canes on Main parade being held on Friday December 1st, 2017. The City of Casey is going to sponsor this parade.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of Resolution #101617A: A Resolution to close Rte 49 for the Candy Canes on Main parade, 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

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Washburn has had some concerns in the SW part of town, she has brought those to Officer Henderson who has taken care of them.

Alderman Dane would like to call a Park Committee Meeting on October 24th, at 5:15 for splash pad discussion.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis had a call in from Don York who will be delivering the items for the POW/MIA memorial next week sometime.

He questioned Superintendent Biggs on vandalism at the park bathrooms, and mentioned that we have those 2 trail cameras that need to get up soon.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the October 16th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Dennis motioned to adjourn, 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

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk