

City of Casey



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City Collector

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Aldermen

Bob Dane
Jesse Dennis
Michael Nichols
Pete Todd
Kelsey Washburn
Jerome Williams

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

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday November 6th, 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 Nichols
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: None

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

Community Affairs: None

Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford presented Council Meeting Minutes from the October 16th, 2017 Council Meeting for approval.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the October 16th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Dennis, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Nichols

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the October 2017 Bills Paid.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the October 2017 Bills Paid totaling \$687,055.60, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford requested approval to pay from the Wastewater Project Fund to HWC for their monthly Engineering Bill.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to pay from Wastewater Project Fund to HWC in the amount of \$13,507.20, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon Roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton requested approval of October 2017 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the October 2017 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$613,341.41, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff talked to the Council about an ADA transition plan needed to be done by the City per requirements of IDOT. She recommends the Finance and Ordinance Committee meets and discusses this.

Superintendent Biggs was absent so Clerk Mumford presented an estimate for a new gas meter to be installed at Ware Resources Building, and requested approval.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to replace the gas meter at Ware Resources Building, at a cost of \$10,800.00, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 - Williams

Motion declared carried

Officer Henderson reported that the old squad car has be stripped and taken to J&K. They have the new car in and equipment will be put on within the next week. Glidewell is in for the Academy starting in January and it is a 14 week course.

Attorney Shoaff then updated the Council on the County E-Citation program. She has talked to the County Clerk and they are going to be taking care of the yearly bills instead of passing that cost off to the different departments.

Collector Hickox reported that the Utility Office put Candy Canes on Main information on the back of the most recent utility bill.

Economic Development Director McMillen reported to the Council that the USDA Grant she applied to for a new Squad Car was denied due to adequate cash values in our accounts. She

reported that the Tourism Center has moved back to their location so they are no longer in downtown Casey. The 1st rounds of City Grants are in their final reporting stages now as well.

New Business:

Assistant Collector Johnson updated the Council on Breakfast with Santa and Christmas in the Park. She is currently looking for donations to help offset the cost of the Breakfast. She has sent out fliers inviting businesses to participate in Christmas in the Park.

Park Committee Chairman Dane reported on the meeting held on October 24th. The committee talked about pools and splash pads and different options. Alderman Dane would like to get a plan put in place so they can start fundraising and such. He also attended a meeting held by Friends of Fairview Park Group. He stated that the Friends of Fairview Park Group will help with the fundraising.

Salary and License Committee Chairman Todd reported on the meeting held on October 26th. They talked about possible Vendor Fee's for vendors wanting to set up in the park and City. Alderman Todd motioned approval of a yearly \$50.00 vendor fee's and also require a liability policy listing the City of Casey as co-insurers, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd then talked about the possibility of allowing Class E Liquor License Holders to sell on Sunday. Attorney Shoaff presented Ordinance #429, which proposes a couple of changes. The first one was voted on previously by the Council to change the number of Class A Licenses to 2 and Class C licenses to 3. The second change would allow Class E License holders to sell alcohol on Sundays.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of Ordinance #429, which amends Chapter 5.08 entitled "Liquor" of the Casey Municipal Code, seconded by Alderman Dane.

After some discussion Mayor Groothuis called for a vote and it was:

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

Nays: 2 – Nichols and Williams

Motion declared carried

Finance Chairman Nichols reported on meeting held on November 2nd. They discussed EMA needing a new vehicle, Biggs needing new Trucks and Skid Loader for Water and Sewer Departments, discussed the Park District Tax levy and also reviewed the 2nd quarter Budget and Appropriations.

Unfinished Business: None

Alderman Reports: None

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis wanted to remind everybody about the Veterans Day Program at City Hall where the POW/MIA chair will be dedicated.

The City has made an offer to an Intern for the Spring Semester.

The Mayor and Economic Development Director McMillen were invited to attend a Charles Industries Award Luncheon where they recognized and gave awards to employees. They also talked about their history and what direction the company was headed.

He reported that the Visitors Center that was briefly downtown had almost 2,500 people sign in their welcome book.

Talked about the Park District Tax Levy and City Tax Levy.

Brought up the Golf Cart Regulations, Mayor Groothuis has been approached by a few people asking about evening Driving.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the November 6th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Ayes: 6 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk