

City of Casey



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Michael Nichols

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Jerome Williams

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY NOVEMBER 20th, 2017 6:00 P.M

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

Absent: Alderman Dennis
Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

Community Affairs: None

Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford presented Council Meeting Minutes from the November 6th, 2017 Council Meeting for approval.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the November 6th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the November 20th, 2017 Bills Payable. Alderman Dane motioned approval of the November 20th, 2017 Bills Payable totaling \$71,259.75, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

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 \$2,572.80, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon Roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford requested approval to pay from the Waterline Project Account to B&T Drainage for Pay App #10, and to Curry & Associates for 2 additional Extra Scope Observation bills.

Alderman Dane motioned approval to pay from the Waterline Project Account to B&T Drainage for Pay App #10 in the amount of \$233,140.64 and to Curry & Associates for Extra Scope Observation Bills in the amount of \$31,230.44 and \$19,851.94, seconded by Alderman Nichols.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs was absent so Mayor Groothuis gave a report on what Superintendent Biggs gave him. They are currently taking bids for materials for the Waterline for the Shore Ag building. They are looking to start the Sunken Garden curb work in the spring, anticipates to be done before July 4th. They are currently ordering new street signs and will be replacing them around town. The leaf vacuum will continue for another two weeks as well.

Officer Henderson was absent, Clerk Mumford reported that he has ordered the new printers for the E-Citation program, and also expects the new Car to be ready for the road by Thanksgiving.

Economic Development Director McMillen reported to the Council that the Intern has accepted a position with the City and will be here January 15th thru May 2nd. She is currently looking for a place for them to stay.

EMA Director Brewer reported that the newly purchased van was waiting on getting its window replaced, and they were waiting on a quote for striping.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Liquor License Discussion

Alderman Todd reported that he got a request from Greathouse of Pizza Owner Trent Groothuis to change their license from a Class B to a Class E. The reason Trent is wanting this change is to be able to sell Alcohol on Sundays. After some discussion Alderman Todd made the following motion:

Alderman Todd motioned approval to add one additional Class E license and remove one Class B License, to allow Greathouse of Pizza to switch classifications, seconded by Alderman Dane.

After some discussion Mayor Groothuis called for a vote. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd mentioned that he will get with the Salary and License Committee and get a meeting set up for the near future for further discussion of the Liquor Licenses.

Attorney Shoaff then updated the council on some matters she has been working on. We still need to get a committee meeting set up for discussion of the ADA Transition plan. She is also currently working on the Tax Levy and Abatement of Taxes for the Bonds the City has. She has also been looking at the Park District Tax Levy. She is ready for a court date in dealing with some abandoned properties. She has also spent some time with Colin Bird about him wanting to reinvest in the City with money from his movie. She has 2 bench trials coming up that deals with ordinance violations. She has followed up with Marshall on the swap of personal property.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Nichols reported that he has gotten some calls with concerns about the speed limit on E Main Street. He asks if the Street and Alley Committee could get together to discuss this.

Clerk Mumford will get with Chairman Dennis and get a meeting set up.

Alderman Todd reported that he had some concerns with draining down by the park. He has addressed these issues with Superintendent Biggs.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reminded everybody about Christmas in the Park. He reported that he believed there to be 100-200 people at the POW/MIA Memorial Chair dedication and Veterans Day Program. He thanked all who helped put the program on. He then talked about the second meeting in December.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to cancel the 2nd regular meeting in December, which is on December 18th, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis then reported that City Hall will be closed on Friday after Thanksgiving.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the November 20th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Dennis and Williams

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk