

# City of Casey



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**Mayor**  
Mike Nichols  
**City Clerk**  
Jeremy Mumford  
**City Treasurer**  
Gail Lorton  
**Collector**  
Kelly Murray  
**Utility Superintendent**  
Shelby Biggs  
**EMA Director**  
David Craig  
**Economic Development Director**  
Bailey Tait  
**Chief of Police**  
Adam Henderson  
**City Attorney**  
Tracy Willenborg  
  
**Aldermen**  
Jeremiah Hanley  
Steve Jenkins  
Marcy Mumford  
Carlene Richardson  
Jerome Williams  
Lori Wilson

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mike Nichols was present and called the meeting to order. Lori Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call:

**Present:** Alderman Hanley  
Alderman Mumford  
Alderman Richardson  
Alderman Williams  
Alderman Wilson

**Absent:** Alderman Jenkins

A quorum was declared.

### Public Forum:

Kevin Black was present and signed up, Mayor Nichols said he would give him a chance to talk when we get to the ordinance regarding his property later in the meeting.

### Community Affairs:

Jeanette Huisinga was present for Candy Canes on Main. She went over her plan for the year and thanked the City and all groups that help support this event. She would like W Main Street from Central to SW 1<sup>st</sup> street closed off after the parade, as well as on Saturday SE 1<sup>st</sup> street from Main Street to East General Robey.

Alderman Hanley motioned approval of Resolution #110623B: Candy Canes on Main Parade, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

### Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Nichols looked for approval of the minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon roll call the vote



was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

#### Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford reported that he has been administering Sexual Harassment training and needs the Alderman to come in for training sometime soon.

Clerk Mumford presented October 2023 Bills paid for approval in the amount of \$858,732.71. Alderman Williams motioned approval of the October 2023 Bills paid, seconded by Alderman Hanley. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

Clerk Mumford presented Ordinance #549: Liquor License number Change for approval. This will add 1 more class A license, Olive Tree Marketplace has applied for a class A license.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of Ordinance #549, seconded by Alderman Richardson.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

Clerk Mumford presented Resolution #110623D: Annual schedule of meetings for 2024 for approval.

Alderman Wilson motioned approval of Resolution #110623D, seconded by Alderman Hanley.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

Treasurer Lorton presented some revenue vs expenditure numbers. She also presented the October 2023 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$560,268.26 for approval.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of October 2023 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins  
Motion declared carried.

Attorney Willenborg presented Resolution #110623A: Tax Abatement Resolution for approval.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of Resolution #110623A, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

Attorney Willenborg presented Ordinance #548: Purchase of Property, 702 East Madison for approval. She explained that this property has gone back to the County for tax sale and we are now able to buy it and clean it up. The owner of the property, Kevin Black, was present and gave an update on his situation and his plans for the property if he is allowed to get it back. After some discussion Mayor Nichols asked if there were any motions from the Council.

Alderman Hanley motioned approval of Ordinance #548, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

Superintendent Biggs reported that playground equipment has been delivered. Leaf vacuum will begin next week. He gave an update on the downtown bathroom project. The EPA is doing an inspection on our water system tomorrow as well.

Clerk Mumford presented Resolution #110623C: Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Technical Assistance Agreement with Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of Resolution #110623C, seconded by Alderman Hanley. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried.

Chief Henderson looked for approval to purchase a 2024 Tahoe 4x4 from J&K Mitchell not to exceed \$55,121. He is also going to be trading in 2 vehicles so that price will come down.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of new squad from J&K Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Jenkins  
Motion declared carried.

Chief Henderson also reported that the 2 new recruits are now halfway through the Academy.

EMA Director Craig reported that Halloween went well, and Archie Craig reported that the pork burger drive thru also went well. He thanked all who donated and helped out.

#### New Business:

Finance Committee Chairman Williams reported on the meeting held on 10/30/2023 where they reviewed the 2023 Tax Levy. They will be lowering last years tax levy by an additional 5% to make the total tax levy \$308,000.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of Ordinance #550: 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson  
Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Jenkins  
Motion declared carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

None

#### Alderman Reports:

Alderman Williams asked if Shelby could come and look at the lights in his subdivision and possibly add some more. He also asked about the possibility of selling the used playground equipment.

Alderman Wilson reminded everybody about the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. She also had some trash questions.

#### Mayor Report:

Mayor Nichols gave updates on the bathroom, has a movie night set for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Talked about the Tax Levy and was proud that the council agreed to reduce it again this year. We will be getting Christmas lights installed on City Hall this year. He also went over some plans for a new pickle ball courts, basketball courts and skating area down at Fairview Park.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council Meeting.

#### Adjournment:

Alderman Hanley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Williams, and Wilson

Nays: 0 – None  
Absent: 1 – Jenkins  
Motion declared carried.

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk