

City of Casey



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EMA Director
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Economic Development Director
Tom Daughhetee
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 OCTOBER 21ST, 2024 6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday October 21st, 2024; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Mike Nichols was present and called the meeting to order, Carlene Richardson led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Alderman Jenkins

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

Chris Jackson was present and reported that she was very happy with the progress on her neighbors property and continues to look forward to more progress.

Community Affairs:

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Nichols looked for approval of the minutes of the October 7th, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the minutes of the October 7th, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford presented the October 21st, 2024 bills payable in the amount of \$682,648.83 for approval.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of October 21st, 2024 bills payable, seconded by Alderman Hanley. Upon roll call the vote was:

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



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

Treasurer Lorton presented the October 2024 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$529,518.91 for approval.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the October 2024 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Superintendent Biggs reported that we filled 9 rolls offs for the City Wide Clean up. The Stump grinding project is complete, he will revisit some other stuff and bid them out soon. The first wave of tree removal will begin on October 28th. He won't be able to get a contractor for sidewalks until November but will be ready to start replacing some of them then. He then looked for approval to Hire LeAnn Shackelford as his new Utility Secretary.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to hire LeAnn Shackelford as the Utility Secretary, seconded by Alderman Hanley. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Chief Henderson thanked the utility department for painting Main Street lines and putting up the UTV signs also on Main Street.

Economic Development Director Daughhete presented an updated Hometown Harvest Fest street closure plan for approval.

Alderman Hanley motioned approval for the road closure for Hometown Harvest Fest, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Economic Development Director Daughhete presented a bill from Coles County Regional Planning for administration of the CDAP Housing Grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 for approval. This will be paid out of Grant funds.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the payment to CCRP in the amount of \$22,000.00, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, Wilson and Williams
Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

New Business:

Park Committee Chairman Richardson reported on the park committee meeting held on 10/15/2024 where they discussed the Walking Path Project at Fairview Park. CIA was awarded a \$30,000 grant and they have an additional \$26,000 to put towards this project. The park committee would like for the City to come up with an additional \$20,000 plus the original \$12,500 they have appropriated for this project. After some discussion they make take the additional \$20,000 out of ARPA funds.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to proceed with the Walking Path Project at Fairview Park, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Willenborg asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the following subjects, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c); Lease/Purchase and or Sale of Property – Section 2 (c) (3); Personnel – Section 2 (c) (5); and Litigation 2 (c) (5).

Alderman Williams motioned approval to go into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:28 p.m.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

Roll call for regular meeting:

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

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Wilson asked about the status of the Tipsword Project. Superintendent Biggs reported that material has been ordered.

Alderman Richardson expressed some concern with unusable playground equipment.

Superintendent Biggs said he will check on the status of that order as well.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Nichols would like to get a meeting set up with Patty Richards at the Park in regard to the plaque she would like to get set up.

Attorney Willenborg presented Ordinance #572: An Ordinance Establishing the Salary for the City Clerk of the City of Casey, Illinois for approval.

Alderman Hanley motioned approval of Ordinance #572, seconded by Alderman Mumford.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Alderman Williams brought up Appointed Officials payment for attending City Council and Committee Meetings. He would like to start paying all appointed officials \$90.00 for City Council meetings and \$60.00 for any committee meetings the Committee Chairman requests them to attend. Attorney Willenborg stated we can go ahead and approve this tonight but will the need to approve it in Ordinance form.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval to pay Appointed Officials (Treasurer, Superintendent of Utilities, Police Chief, Economic Development Director and Collector) \$90.00 for any City Council Meetings attended and \$60.00 for any City Committee meetings attended, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the starting of the process to get Construction Loans up to \$3.2 million dollars using CDs as collateral, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Hanley, Mumford, Richardson, and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Abstain: 1 – Wilson

Motion declared carried

Alderman Williams motioned approval of Resolution #102124A: A Resolution declaring certain real property and improvements thereon as being dangerous and unsafe (8 NW 5th Street), seconded by Alderman Hanley. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Alderman Wilson motioned approval of Resolution #102124B: A Resolution declaring certain real property and improvements thereon as being dangerous and unsafe (2 NW 5th Street), seconded by Alderman Hanley. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

There was no further Business of the City Council for the October 21st, 2024 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Jenkins

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk