

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, January 4, 2012; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Elkins presided. Mayor Elkins called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Dane
Alderman Groothuis
Alderman Maulding
Alderman Sauer
Alderman Wimbley
Absent: Alderman Monken

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum; There was no signed requests for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Elkins introduced a Resolution Honoring the Casey Westfield High School Football Team as State Runner-up in the IHSA AA State Championship.

Alderman Dane motioned to Pass Resolution #010412A honoring the Casey Westfield High School Football Team as State Runner-up in the IHSA AA State 2011 Championship, seconded by Alderman Sauer. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Meeting Minutes

Alderman Groothuis motioned approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2011, seconded by Alderman Maulding. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 –Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Abstain: 1 - Dane

Motion declared carried.

To abstain goes with majority.

Officers Reports

Clerk McClellan;

Alderman Maulding motioned Approval of December 2011 bills paid, totaling \$1,042,180.60 seconded by Alderman Sauer. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer,

Nays: 1 - Wimbley

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Presented the Audit Report for the 2010 Fiscal Year; Auditor Joyce Madigan with Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan give an overview of the 2011 Audit, introduced Kelsey Swing as the newest partner and will be overseeing the 2012 City Audit.

Treasurer Lorton

Alderman Groothuis motioned Approval of the December 2011 Collection Deposit Report, totaling \$642,197.74 seconded by Alderman Sauer. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Superintendent Biggs gave a report on his department; Keith Seaton Electric Department Foreman retired with over 34 years of service, Kenny Shobe a fifteen year employee of the Electric Department has taken the Foremen job; Chad Washburn in the Electric Department has completed his ninety day probation and requested council action to hire Washburn to fulltime status; reported that the new well will be on line as soon as the state permit is approved; Safe Routes to School will have a bid letting by the State sometime in June 2012; new one-way signage has been installed on South East Fourth Street, the signs will be covered during festival events and possibly during Summer; the permit application has been received for the Virginia Graham Baker Swimming Pool Drain Project.

Alderman Dane motioned Approval to hire Chad Washburn to fulltime, has completed his ninety day probation, seconded by Alderman Sauer. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Chief of Police Jenkins had nothing to report at this time.

Collector Mumford was absent.

Park Recreation Director Hutton

Alderman Maulding motioned Approval to have the Culpeper-Merriweather Circus this Spring as a fundraising event for the Park Fund and to allot \$290.00 for startup costs seconded by Alderman Groothuis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Alderman Groothuis motioned approval to advertise in the 2012 Central Illinois Tourism Magazine, not to exceed \$2,500.00, funding from the Tourism Fund, seconded by Alderman Sauer. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Economic Development Director Weigand presented the City of Casey Economic Development 2011 Report; encourage anyone with new project to contact her.

Fire Chief Garver reported on the upcoming Moonshine Run and the Annual Volunteer Firemen's Chili Supper in April 2012. Discussed briefly of the need for a new fire station and property; this subject will be discussed at the Retreat-Municipal Planning set for January 16, 2012 after the Regular Meeting.

EMA Director Brewer was absent.

New Business - None

Unfinished Business

Attorney Grant; presented A Preliminary Ordinance to comply with the USDA Loan and Grant for the Sewer Facility upgrades and published in the local paper after passage.

Alderman Sauer motioned to Adopt Ordinance #375 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$6,960,000 SEWERAGE REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF CASEY, CLARK AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING AND EXTENDING SEWERAGE FACILITIES, AND RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Alderman Groothuis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Attorney Grant presented resolutions to abate taxes for the calendar year ending 2011.

Alderman Sauer motioned to pass Resolution #010412B Abate the Taxes on the General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Revenue Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1999, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Alderman Sauer motioned to pass Resolution #010412C Abate the Taxes on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Recovery Zone Economic Development) Series 2010, seconded by Alderman Maulding. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Committee Meetings

Ordinance Committee; Chairman Sauer present two ordinances for Council consideration and discussion; Building and Construction amending the Building permit and new ordinance to Regulating Commercial , Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers. The proposed ordinance on regulating commercial, recreation vehicles, boats and trailers was tabled at this time and will be reviewed by committee at a later date.

Alderman Sauer motioned Adopt Ordinance # 376 Building and Construction amending the Building permit, Title 15 to Include Chapter 15.13 Building Permit, seconded by Alderman Groothuis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 – Monken

Motion declared carried.

Alderman Reports and Concerns

Alderman Dane: Reported concerns and received complaints on the continued vandalism in the park and the need for possible electronic surveillance; complaints and concerns on dumpsters being to close to roadways; Thanked the Street Committee for the upcoming Name the Road Contest with the Casey-Westfield Monroe School Students.

Alderman Groothuis: Asked if the City has met the criteria for CDAP Revolving Loan and helping local businesses; Director Weigand stated that the funds are close and the City needs to work on guidelines and set-up a committee.

Alderman Maulding: Commended Director Weigand for her job performance and thankful the City had hired her.

Alderman Sauer: Agreed with Alderman Maulding on Director Weigand; Received concerns and complaints on the South East Fourth Street being one-way, possibly covering during festivals and summertime.

Alderman Wimbley: Thanked the Mayor, Council, Employees for last years service; challenged the Department Heads to continue to be fiscal responsible; Thanked Clerk McClellan for her work putting the Name the Road Contest together; Thank Superintendent Biggs for his work; Congratulated to Keith Seaton on his service and retirement.

Mayor Report and Concerns; Requested an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition.

Alderman Sauer motioned to Executive Session to discuss property acquisition, seconded by Alderman Wimbley. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Monken

Motion declared carried.

Executive Session began at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Maulding motioned to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 –Monken

Motion declared carried.

The Regular Session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Elkins announced that the City Council will have its Retreat – Municipal Planning Session after the next City Council Meeting Monday, January 16, 2012.

Adjournment

Alderman Maulding motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Sauer. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Dane, Groothuis, Maulding, Sauer, Wimbley

Nays: 0 - None

Absent: 1 –Monken

Motion declared carried.

Adjournment of the City Council 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Robin McClellan, City Clerk