

City of Casey



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Economic Development

Director

DJ Brewer

Chief of Police

Mark Jenkins

City Attorney

Cara Shoaff

Aldermen

Marcy Mumford

Carlene Richardson

Butch Ruffner

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY JULY 15TH, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday July 15th, 2019; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis was present and called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Mumford
Alderman Richardson
Alderman Ruffner
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: Alderman Todd

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

None

Community Affairs:

Steve Voris with the Casey Softball Museum was present and gave a presentation on the current Casey Softball Museum. They are looking to expand their building so they can have more room to showcase more local talent and achievements. They are asking the City of a donation of \$1,500.00 to help with the costs of this addition. After some discussion the City Council would like to help but they need to look at their appropriations and see if they can figure out where to pay this money from.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Groothuis moved Jackie with Coles County Regional Planning up on the agenda. Jackie presented Resolution #071519C: A Resolution of Support, this is for a grant CCRP will be applying for, for the City. This is the housing rehab grant. A public hearing was held prior to this City Council Meeting for discussion of this grant.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of Resolution #071519C: A Resolution of Support, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried



Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 1st, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the July 1st, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the July 15th, 2019 Bills Payable in the amount of \$497,106.99.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the July 15th, 2019 Bills payable in the amount of \$497,106.99, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford looked for approval to pay from the SRO account to Commercial Radio in the amount of \$390.00.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to pay from the SRO account to Commercial Radio in the amount of \$390.00, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the June 2019 Statement of Cash and Investments in the amount of \$12,730,568.37 for approval.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the June 2019 Statement of Cash and Investment, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that he had about 35 applications for the Water Department job. After interviewing a few of the applicants he recommends the City Hire Billy Hamilton for this position.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to hire Billy Hamilton as a new Utility Worker, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs presented Resolution #071519A: Approval of 2019 MFT Bid. Lawrence Gravel was the only bidder and their bid amount was \$56,306.25.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of Resolution #071519A, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs presented Resolution #071519B: A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. In 2017 the MFT project was \$5,000.00 more than the bid, and we never passed this resolution approving that amount. The State recently made us aware of this. The money has been paid, we just need to pass this resolution approving that.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of Resolution #071519B, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs gave an updated on the property at 14-16 W Main. The back is collapsing and we need to get this building down as soon as possible. After some discussion we will call a Special Meeting for Monday July 22nd, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

Alderman Williams reported on the Finance Committee meetings held on 7/8/2019, 7/11/2019 and the public hearing on 7/15/19. Williams first presented Ordinance #457: Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Ordinance totaling \$19,112,485.00.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of Ordinance #457, seconded by Alderman Ruffner.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Alderman Williams also brought up the deficit in the Water and Sewer departments. He would like to get a rate study done for all departments. But with the Sewer and Water bond and other payments he sees a need to raise the water and sewer rates currently. It was noted our current ordinance states rates can be raised up to 4% by April 1st. Since we have been reviewing rates since then they would like to raise them now. They would also like to have Cara review the Ordinance and possibly change it so we can raise them by a bigger amount in the future if needed.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to raise the Water and Sewer rates by 4% for residential and commercial customers, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff gave an update on some of the ordinance violation tickets. She also requested the Council go into Executive Session for discussion on Personnel.

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

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motioned declared carried

Executive Session started at 6:51 p.m.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to resume the regular meeting, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Regular meeting resumed at 7:51 p.m.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Washburn reported that the fireworks this year were impressive, and would like to see that continue.

Alderman Ruffner also complemented the fireworks this year. He also likes the dirt work being done in the park campground.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that he has received lots of good comments on the fireworks and thanked the previous council for upping the amount spent on the fireworks.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the July 15th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Washburn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk