

City of Casey



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Mayor

Nik Groothuis

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Jeremy Mumford

City Treasurer

Gail Lorton

Collector

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Utility Superintendent

Shelby Biggs

EMA Director

DJ Brewer

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 AUGUST 5TH, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday August 5th, 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 Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: None

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

Sheldon Lowe was present and talked about the skate park. He asked if the lights can be looked at because they aren't working currently. Mayor Groothuis asked Superintendent Biggs to have the electric department take a look at them. Mr. Lowe also asked about the possibility of him putting together some new ramps to put at the skate park. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis asked Mr. Lowe to get with our Superintendent about what can be done down there.

Community Affairs:

1. Casey Softball Museum – Mayor Groothuis brought up the request from the last meeting to donate \$1,500.00 to the Casey Softball Museum to help with their expansion. He asked if there was anyway they could come up with the \$1,500 for this donation. Alderman Williams said they found some room in the tourism budget to do this.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to donation \$1,500.00 to the Casey Softball Museum, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

2. Casey Popcorn Festival – Bernie Morgan and Ed Richardson were present and gave an update about this year's Casey Popcorn Festival. They



requested a \$5,000.00 donation to help with the cost of running the festival. After some discussion they originally appropriated \$3,500.00 for this years festival, but they think they can figure out a way to make it \$5,000.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to donate \$5,000.00 to the Casey Popcorn Festival, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

3. Casey Lions Club – Alderman Ruffner brought up a request by the Casey Lions Club to help with the rebuilding of picnic tables down at the park. They are looking for \$1,330 to help with this cost.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval to donate \$1,330 to the Casey Lions Club, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 Public Hearing for the CDBG.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 Public Hearing for the CDBG, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 Public Hearing for the Appropriations.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 Public Hearing for the Appropriations, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 City Council Meeting. Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 22nd, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the July 22nd, 2019 Special City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 22nd, 2019 Committee Meeting of the Whole.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the minutes of the July 22nd, 2019 Committee Meeting of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the July 26th, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the minutes of the July 26th, 2019 Special City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the July 2019 Bills Paid in the amount of \$735,918.91.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the July 2019 Bills paid in the amount of \$735,918.91, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the July 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report for approval.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the July 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$567,550.92, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff requested approval to go into executive session for discussion on personnel and possible purchase of property.

Alderman Mumford motioned to go into Executive Session for discussion on personnel and possible purchase of property, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Executive Session started at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Regular meeting resumed at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis mentioned there wouldn't need to be any motion in regard to purchase of property. He asked if there were any other motions.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Superintendent Biggs a \$1,000.00 annual raise, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Collector Hickox a \$1,000.00 annual raise, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Economic Development Director Maulding a \$1,000.00 annual raise, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Clerk Mumford a \$1,000.00 annual raise, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval to give Treasurer Lorton a \$2,580.80 annual raise, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Washburn

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that the demolition of 14-16 has gone very well. The basement is a lot bigger than they originally thought. There was some other issues with the neighbors addition being attached to this building, so we had to take their addition down as well. He asked what the Council would like to have put back there, grass or gravel. After some discussion, they think the best for right now would be to put down dirt and grass. The waterline to Shore Ag building is progressing. The resurfacing of Route 49 should be done by Labor Day according to the local IDOT guy.

Collector Hickox reported that she would like to have a public utility committee meeting to talk about the ordinances and policy's for the Collector's Office. They set that meeting for Monday August 12th, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development Director Maulding gave an update on what she has been working on. Intern Galvin also gave an update. Director Maulding would like to have a Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Meeting on Monday August 12th, 2019 also at 5:15 p.m. They will meet in Director Maulding's office.

New Business:

Public Utility Chairman Ruffner reported on the committee meeting they held prior to tonight's City Council Meeting. They discussed different types of equipment needed and other projects.

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to purchase new Bucket Truck for the Electric Department in the amount of \$199,965.00, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to buy a new Sewer Camera, part of the money will come from the Sewer Construction Account, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Total cost is \$10,900.00. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to purchase a new Backhoe from John Deere in the amount of \$55,000.00, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to purchase 2019 Ram 1500 Pickup Truck for \$24,265 from J&K Mitchell to be paid from the Waterline Construction Account, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to have the Water tower interior be inspected in the amount of \$2,970.00, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to advertise for bids for washing the water tower, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Mumford reminded the Council about a Airport committee meeting set for this Thursday at 5:30.

Alderman Richardson brought up a parking concern on W General Robey Street and would like for Mark to look into this issue.

Alderman Washburn asked about the status of the Old Nazarene Church on W Delaware and mowing it.

Alderman Ruffner reported that he recently attended a hearing for the City and wanted to let the Council know that he was very impressed with Attorney Shoaff and she represented the City very well in this matter.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis gave a report on the Kroger Corner group. He also asked about a second City Wide Clean up, and it was reported that we didn't have enough Appropriated for a second one, but we may be able to take it out of the Refuse fund if we would like to have another.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the August 5th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Ayes: 6 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk