

City of Casey



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Mayor

Nik Groothuis

City Clerk

Jeremy Mumford

City Treasurer

Gail Lorton

Collector

Natasha Hickox

Utility Superintendent

Shelby Biggs

EMA Director

DJ Brewer

Economic Development

Director

Bailey Maulding

Chief of Police

Adam Henderson

City Attorney

Cara Shoaff

Aldermen

Marcy Mumford

Carlene Richardson

Butch Ruffner

Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

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Big Heart

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday September 3rd, 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 Ruffner
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn
Alderman Williams

Absent: Alderman Richardson

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

Community Affairs:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the August 19th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the August 19th, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the August 28th, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the Minutes of the August 28th, 2019 Special City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Ruffner, Todd and Williams

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Abstain: 1 - Washburn

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the August 2019 Bills Paid in the amount of \$861,912.24.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the August 2019 Bills Paid in the amount of \$861,912.24, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford requested approval to go into executive session for discussion on personnel, Collective Bargaining and possible Purchase or Sale of property.

Alderman Washburn motioned to go into Executive Session for discussion on personnel, Collective Bargaining and possible purchase of property, seconded by Alderman Mumford.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Executive Session started at 6:03 p.m.

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Regular meeting resumed at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis announced that he was appointing Adam Henderson as Interim Chief. He will be starting him at a salary of \$64,480.00. Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to confirm this appointment.

Alderman Williams motioned to confirm the appointed of Adam Henderson as Interim Chief, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Mayor Groothuis presented a letter from Office Seth Brewer asking for a 6 month extension on

his probation period due to him not being able to find a house.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of a 6 month extension to Seth Brewer's Probation Period, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Richardson
Motion declared carried

Interim Chief Henderson looked for approval to have Johnathan Schuette approved as a part-time office for the City.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to hire Johnathon Schuette as a part-time police officer, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Richardson
Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton looked for approval of the August 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report. Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the August 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$554,568.30, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Richardson
Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff presented Ordinance #458: An Ordinance Authorizing the borrowing of Money from Casey State Bank. This will allow up to \$160,000 to be borrowed at 3% interest rate for 10 years.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of Ordinance #458, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 5 – Mumford, Ruffner, Todd, Washburn and Williams
Nays: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Richardson
Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff gave an update on Ordinance violations. She also gave an updated on the Kroger Corner Wall. Mayor Groothuis reported that the Kroger Corner committee will meet again in the near future to go forward with this property.

Superintendent Biggs reported that the bids for washing the water tower came in a lot lower than expected. He recommended the Council accept the low bid of \$6,300.00 from National Wash Authority.

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to accept the bid from National Wash Authority in the amount of \$6,300.00 for Water Tower Washing, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs also commended the Utility Workers for all the hard work they have been putting into the Park before the Popcorn Festival.

Economic Development Director Maulding reported different projects she has been working on.

New Business:

Street and Alley Committee Chairman Williams reported on the meeting they held on September 3rd, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. They are in contact with the VFW about possibly placing a plaque at the memorial garden at the park which can list all the service members who have lost their lives during conflicts. They also want to possibly put up memorial street signs with the regular street signs, instead of change a street name. They are going to continue talking to the VFW and come up with a good solution. They also talked about parking issues on W General Robey Street between Central and SW 1st Street.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to make W General Robey Street from Central to SW 1st Street a no-parking zone, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Mumford thanked the Police and EMA for their help with the CIA 5k run this past weekend. Also reported that Rotary was granted a grant for help at the Kroger Corner lot. Also reported that the new playground equipment was highly used this past weekend.

Alderman Ruffner thanked Kenny Shobe for his years working at the City and wanted to wish him luck with his retirement.

Alderman Todd had some questions about parking and skateboarding between the Library and Roosevelt.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis thanked the Popcorn Festival Committee for putting on a good weekend. He also asked about restocking the park ponds with fish. Superintendent Biggs will contact the Fish and Wildlife department about this.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the September 3rd, 2019 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk