

# City of Casey



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## **Mayor**

Nik Groothuis

## **City Clerk**

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## **City Treasurer**

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## **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

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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:

Jerry Ellexson was present and talked about the possibility of printing more information on the utility bills each month. He gave an example to the Council and just asked for the Council to think about this possibility.

Two others were on the Public Forum but they are also listed later on the Agenda.

### Community Affairs:

1. Kroger Corner – Marsha Lee talked about the recent Kroger Corner meeting and they have come up with a design they would like to pursue. They are going to get quotes on the different items and then try raise money for the items. The only thing they think they will need from the City would be electric lines ran and water line ran. Then since it is a City Property they would like the City to pay for those Utilities. The Council had no objects for the committee to continue moving forward with this plan.
2. Downtown Parking – Mayor Groothuis said he was contacted by Scott Stifal about the no parking change made recently next to his business. Mr. Stifal doesn't like the no parking and just wanted to express his concerns. After some discussion the Council made no change to current plans.



New Business:

Mayor Groothuis brought up the Airport Committee Meeting report up since Robert Daugherty from the Airport Boosters was present. Mr. Daugherty presented the current TIPs Program for the Airport. The current project they are working on is a Snow Removal Equipment purchase. There is no State share with this program so the Federal Government would need the full amount up front and would then reimburse the City 90% of the amount back. Mr. Daugherty believed it would be reimbursed within 30 days. The total cost for this would be \$130,000, with the City being reimbursed for \$117,000. Since the City only appropriated around \$50,000 for the airport budget this year we would need to amend our Appropriations for this project.

Alderman Richards motioned to approve the airport TIPS Program for this year for Snow Removal Equipment, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 1 – Ruffner

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting, 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

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Bills Payable in the amount of \$523,533.01

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Bills Payable in the amount of \$523,533.01, 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

Clerk Mumford requested approval to go into executive session for discussion on Personnel and Collective Bargaining.

Alderman Washburn motioned to go into Executive Session for discussion on Personnel and Collective Bargaining, 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

Executive Session started at 6:51 p.m.

Alderman Todd 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 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Groothuis asked if there were any motions from Executive Session.

Alderman Mumford motioned to approve the contract with ICOPs for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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

Chief Henderson would like approval to hire Blaine Washburn and Jason Metzelaars as new Casey Police Officers.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to hire Blaine Washburn and Jason Metzelaars as new Police Officers, 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

Treasurer Lorton looked for approval of the Treasurer's Statement of Cash and Investment reports for July and August of 2019.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the Treasurer's Statement of Cash and Investment reports for July (\$12,732,870.14) and August (\$12,665,421.18) of 2019, 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 reported that she will have ordinance violations update at the next Council Meeting. The property at 401 East Adams has been demolished and cleaned up, she will need to set up a follow-up hearing for the rest of the violations.

Collector Hickox reported that CIA will be having an appliance pickup day on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Economic Development Director Maulding reported that she and the Mayor were recently interviewed by WEIU. The new Big things will be measured for World's Largest status on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Officer Henderson thanked the Council for the hiring of 2 new officers. He is also going to get with Jim Binder about a proposal for the dog pound.

EMA Director Brewer reported that everything went well at the Popcorn Festival.

**New Business:**

Airport Committee Report – Chairman Mumford was the only alderman at the airport meeting with the airport boosters. She reported on some of the discussions and felt like it was a good meeting with the Booster club.

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Report – Chairman Mumford reported that Mike Kirk with State Farm was the only application they received for this round of Business Grants. He is looking to redo his roof and add landscaping around his building.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to award Business Improvement Grant of \$2,500.00 to Mike Kirk with State Farm, 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

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Alderman Reports:**

Alderman Williams reported that he recently walked through the Park and around the Memorial Gardens, he would like to rename the road around the Memorial Gardens in honor of fallen soldiers. He also asked about the possibility of the VFW putting names on their memorial they have in the garden. Park Committee Chairman Richardson will get with the VFW about this possibility.

Alderman Washburn reported that she also had a discussion with the Stifal's about the no parking issue.

Alderman Todd reported a mowing problem on East Adams.

**Mayor Reports:**

Mayor Groothuis reported that we have closed on the former Regions Bank building at 105 W Alabama.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Alderman Washburn motioned to adjourn, 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 Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:39 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk