

City of Casey



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Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday October 21st, 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:

None

Community Affairs:

1. Stifal's Hardware – Scott and Sheryl Stifal were present and addressed concerns with the closing of parking on the South side of General Robey next to their store. They said that this limits their customer parking and would like for the Council to review this. They would like to see the Council to allow at least 3 spaces on the South side of the street. The Council is going to have the Streets and Alley's committee review this further.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the October 7th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval of the minutes of the October 7th, 2019 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

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the September 2019 Bills Paid in the



amount of \$947,742.77. He is looking for approval of these again because there was a check that wasn't run through the system yet so we need to re-approve.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the September 2019 Bills paid in the amount of \$947,742.77, 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 looked for approval of the October 21st, 2019 Bills payable.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the October 21st, 2019 Bills payable in the amount of \$574,664.04, 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

Clerk Mumford reported that the City will be using Archive Social to backup and archive the Cities social media pages.

Superintendent Biggs reported that Mike Montgomery will be retiring as of October 25th, 2019. He thanked him for his 31 years of working for the City.

Economic Development Director Maulding thanked all who attended the IHDA meeting. There will be a survey going out and would like for as many people to complete it as possible.

Chief Henderson reported that the program the Police Department uses has been updated. Officer Brewer has been cleared for full duty now. The 2 new officers, Metzelaars and Washburn have completed their FTO program and Officers Woods is now back in the school.

New Business:

1. Ordinance Committee Report – Chairman Todd reported on the meeting held on 10/15/19. The committee met in regards to zoning. The committee would like to continue looking at zoning and in the near future pass a zoning ordinance. They also discussed the new Cannabis Legislation and they would like to have a Public Hearing to allow input from the community regarding this. They have set a Public Hearing for November 18th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. They may have to change the location to allow for a bigger audience.
2. City Hall Committee Report – Alderman Todd reported on the meeting held on 10/17/19 about a generator at the new City Hall. They are going to table this and allow Shelby to get some more information on this.
3. Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Meeting – Chairman Mumford reported on the meeting held on 10/21/19. They reviewed 3 grant applications. They recommend the Council approve the following grants:
 - Community Grant awarded to Candy Canes on Main in the amount of \$500.00 to help

with a promotion video.

- Business Improvement Grant awarded to Larsson Woodyard and Henson in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help with a handicap ramp project.
- the 3rd grant they don't recommend currently as they want to revamp the application process.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the 2 Grant applications, 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

Unfinished Business:

1. Park Committee Meeting Report – Chairman Richardson reported on meeting held on 10/9/2019 at the Casey VFW. Chairman Richardson reported that the VFW is in favor of renaming the road around the sunken Gardens in honor of all fallen soldiers. They also made note that if any family wishes to honor a veteran or a fallen soldier, they can purchase a brick to be placed at the VFW or a Bench to be placed at the sunken/memorial gardens. They also said they would like to move the American Legion Memorial down to the sunken/memorial gardens as well.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to rename the road around the sunken gardens at the Park “Veterans Memorial Circle”, 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

2. New City Hall Discussion – there was discussion on the upcoming move to the new City Hall. No action is needed currently.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Ruffner wished Mike Montgomery well in his retirement and thanked him for his years of working for the City. He also warned people that live around him, that somebody found some poison set out and recommended neighbors look around their property.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that Dave Liebenow with the Chamber contacted him and would like to have a Tree lighting on Friday night of Candy Canes on Main. Christmas in the Park is progressing if residents or businesses want to sign up for a spot to contact Traci Johnson and she will assign a spot for them. CSX is closing different railroad crossings over the next few weeks as they work on them.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the October 21st, 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 Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk