

City of Casey



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Economic Development

Director

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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 NOVEMBER 4TH, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday November 4th, 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:

April Wade with The Word of Life Church was requesting for SE 1st Street next to Bolin's Multiplex to be blocked off on Saturday November 30th, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, so their church can do an outreach that day. The downtown business are having a shop local day and their church would like to be present downtown. Mayor Groothuis asked if there were any objections from the Council, and there were none so he will have Superintendent Biggs have some barricades ready for them that day.

Community Affairs:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the October 21st, 2019 Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the October 21st, 2019 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

A Small Town with a

Big Heart

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the October 2019 Bills Paid in the amount of \$1,062,049.67.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the October 2019 Bills paid in the amount of \$1,062,049.67, 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 they will be setting a Public Hearing for public input regarding the new Cannabis law on Monday November 18th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Treasurer Lorton presented the October 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit report for approval.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the October 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$674,547.49, 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

Attorney Shoaff looked for approval to go into Executive Session for discussion of real estate.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to go into Executive Session, 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 6:08 p.m.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to resume regular 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

Regular Meeting resumed at 6:22 p.m.

Attorney Shoaff reported that there are 3 properties that the City may be interested in buying. They are all up for tax sale. The purchase cost for each property would be \$824 from the Clark County Trustee.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to buy 107 NW 2nd Street in the amount of \$824, 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 Richardson motioned approval to buy 105 NW 2nd Street in the amount of \$824, 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

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to buy 207 E Jefferson in the amount of \$824, 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 presented Ordinance #459 which amends the Liquor Code to match the state mandated Bassett Training.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of Ordinance #459, 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

Superintendent Biggs reported the leaf vacuum will be starting soon. He also presented a few bids for a new or a used generator for the new City Hall. The council would like for him to get more bids for this project. Superintendent Biggs also presented a proposal for new energy efficient lights at the new City Hall. The cost would be around \$16,000 for all new lights at City Hall. The IMEA gives a grant that would be around \$8,000 for the lights. The estimated pay back for new lights would be 1.7 years. The Council is in favor of this project but would like for Shelby to get more bids on this as well.

Collector Hickox explained the different ways to pay for a utility bill at our new location.

Chief Henderson thanked Sharron Durham for getting with the department and taking new pictures.

New Business:

1. Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Report – Alderman Mumford reported on the meeting held on 11/4/2019. They reviewed the revitalization grant application and have updated it and would like to approve the update.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the updated Revitalization Grant Application, 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 Richardson motioned approval to award Shane Todd \$500 with the Revitalization Grant, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Abstain: 1 – Todd

Motion declared carried

2. Street and Alley Committee Report – Alderman Williams reported on the meeting held on 10/28/2019. His committee is recommending to allow 2 parking spaces on the South Side of W General Robey between Stifal's and Staley's Insurance building. They want to limit it to 2 hour parking for vehicles under 8,000 pounds.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to open 2 spots on W General Robey Street for parking, limit to 2 hour parking for vehicles under 8,000 pounds, 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

3. Finance Committee Report – Alderman Williams reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on 10/28/2019 where they reviewed the budget and appropriations.

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Mumford asked if new signage was being looked at for the new City Hall. She also reported that she has had some pushback from some business owners about the City renting out office space.

Alderman Williams reported on some issues on David Hanners Drive and would like the police to patrol there more if possible.

Alderman Richardson thanked the police department and EMA for their presence on Main Street during Halloween.

Alderman Washburn questioned where the vehicle abates were at and how that was going.

Alderman Ruffner would like to get the Police Chief's opinion at some time on the new Cannabis Law.

Alderman Todd would like to have a Ordinance and License Committee Meeting to continue the Zoning Ordinance work on Monday November 11th, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Reports:

None

There was no further Business of the City Council for the November 4th, 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 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk