

City of Casey



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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 JANUARY 20TH, 2020 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday January 20th, 2020; 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 – was absent at roll call, arrived at 6:24 p.m.
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn

Absent: Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

Marsha Lee was present and gave an update to the Council on the Kroger Corner area. She showed a diagram of their current plans for the lot. CIA will start to campaign soon to help raise money to cover the cost of this plan. Currently the cost is estimated to be around \$40,000.

Community Affairs:

Clerk Mumford reported that Lance Patchett has approached him about getting horses on his property. Since he is in City Limits he would either need an exemption to the ordinance or de-annex his property out of City Limits. The Council would like for him to petition the Council about getting out of City Limits.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the January 6th, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the January 6th, 2020 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Ruffner and Williams

Motion declared carried

A Small Town with a

Big Heart

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford presented January 20th, 2020 Bills payable for approval.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the January 20th, 2020 Bills Payable in the amount of \$141,390.82 seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Ruffner and Williams

Motion declared carried

Mumford reported that he is continuing to work on getting signage on the outside of the building. He has a couple of quotes but wants to get more information from one of the companies.

Treasurer Lorton presented the January 2020 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report for approval.

Alderman Ruffner arrived at the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the January 2020 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$803,999.00, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Abstain: 1 - Ruffner

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the December 2019 Statement of Cash and Investment for approval.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the December 2019 Statement of Cash and Investment in the amount of \$12,725,850.84, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff presented Ordinance #464: Cannabis Use Ordinance for review. This mimics the State Law on Adult Cannabis Use, but this will allow us to give local Ordinance Violation tickets for those same offences. She is asking the Council to review the ordinance and we will bring it back for discussion at our next City Council Meeting.

Attorney Shoaff then requested Executive Session for the discussion of Personnel.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to go into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:31 p.m.

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Regular Meeting resumed at 6:47 p.m.

Clerk Mumford reported that Economic Development Directed Maulding wanted to report that our City Website will be updated on January 29th, 2020. Also there was a invite to a Community Revitalization Stakeholder Meeting with the Illinois Housing Development Authority on January 27th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. We would like to see all Aldermen attend if possible. They are also invited to the School Board meeting that same night at 7:00 p.m. where the Enterprise Zone will be up for discussion.

Chief Henderson gave the progress report for December to the Council. He also reported that him and Clerk Mumford went to the Charleston DMV and have started the process to get a title to the car at the airport so we can then dispose of it properly. The remodeling in the PD is ongoing and showing progress. Also the radio tower for the new PD is also ordered.

Economic Development Director Maulding returned to the meeting and reiterated what Clerk Mumford had reported on. She also reported that the City did not receive the rehab housing grant from the state. We were 3 points shy of getting awarded that grant.

New Business:

Public Utility Chairman Ruffner reported on the meeting held on 1/14/2020. We are having problems with our Main Gas line over East of Martinsville due to Ameren putting in a new substation. The cost to fix the problems is around \$20,000. Ameren has already agreed to pay half of this cost, but the committee thinks they should pay the full cost. They would like Attorney Shoaff reach out to them about this. The committee would also like to see Attorney Shoaff prepare an ordinance update to the utility rates that would allow the Council to do whatever is needed in regards to Utility rates, whether that be lower them if we have excess or raise them if we have the need.

Finance Committee Member Todd reported on the meeting they held on 1/14/2020 where they reviewed the budget so far this year. He reported that overall all departments looked like they were spending within the budget but they will continue to monitor them. They also had a request from Chief Henderson to purchase 2 moving radar units for the amount of \$2,514.00 and will be paid out of the DUI Fund.

Alderman Todd motioned approval to purchase 2 moving radar units with funds from the DUI fund, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Chairman Mumford reported on the meeting held on 1/20/2020 where they reviewed a grant application from Richard Rentals for heating and cooling work at 7 N Central.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to award Richard Rentals a Business Improvement Grant in the amount of \$2,329.78, seconded by Alderman Washburn. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis called for the vote:

Ayes: 3 – Mumford, Ruffner, and Washburn

Nays: 1 – Todd

Absent: 1 – Williams

Abstain: 1 – Richardson

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Washburn wanted to request more business to apply for the Business Improvement Grants as we are getting close to our Year End and money is still available for this.

Alderman Ruffner asked the Chief and Council if they would consider getting a K9 unit in the future. The Council agreed this is something we can look into.

Alderman Todd reported that a community member asked him to have the utility workers look at the alley behind the post office as it has some pot holes in them. Superintendent Biggs said he would look at it. He also asked about expired license tags on cars that are sitting on the road, and Chief Henderson reported that some violations have been sent out regarding some of those.

Mayor Reports:

None

There was no further Business of the City Council for the January 20th, 2020 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

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

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 - Williams

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk