

City of Casey



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Mayor

Nik Groothuis

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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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday December 2nd, 2019; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis was absent, Clerk Jeremy Mumford called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Mumford
Alderman Richardson
Alderman Ruffner
Alderman Todd

Absent: Alderman Washburn – arrived at 6:11 p.m.
Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Clerk Mumford asked for a motion for a Mayor Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting. Alderman Todd motioned approval of Alderman Mumford as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Public Forum:

Mike Nichols was present and addressed the Council about the possibility of having a Cannabis Distribution Center. He would like to see the Council vote in favor of it to help generate tax income. He would also like to see the Council look at the sales tax amount and possible increase that as well.

Officers Reports:

Mayor Pro Tem moved up Nancy Smitley with the Clark County Enterprise Zone on the Agenda as she has another meeting to attending this evening. Mrs. Smitley explained the Enterprise Zone and how it was expiring at the end of 2021. The County is applying for a new Enterprise Zone with the State. Two Ordinances need approved so the County can go ahead with the Enterprise Zone Application.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of Ordinance #460: An Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone in Clark County, seconded by Alderman



Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of Ordinance #461: An Ordinance to Authorize the Governing Authority to Enter into the Clark County Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Community Affairs:

None

Meeting Minutes:

Clerk Mumford made a note that the date was wrong for the minutes, they both need to be November 18th, not November 4th like they state on the Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mumford looked for approval of the minutes of the November 18th, 2019 Public Hearing and City Council Meeting

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the minutes of the November 18th, 2019 Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the minutes of the November 18th, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Washburn and Williams

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Mayor Pro-Tem Mumford introduced Kelsey Swing with Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan. Mrs. Swing presented the FY19 Audit. Overall Mrs. Swing stated the City had a good Audit.

Alderman Kelsey Washburn arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Clerk Mumford presented the Calendar of Meetings for 2020 and also gave a list of all who have set up displays for Christmas in the Park that Traci Johnson has been working on.

Clerk Mumford looked for approval of the November 2019 Bills Paid in the amount of \$896,568.75

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval of the November 2019 Bills paid in the amount of \$896,568.75, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the following for approval:

- September 2019 Statement of Cash and Investments: \$12,990,304.39
- October 2019 Statement of Cash and Investments: \$12,795,027.49
- November 2019 Treasurer’s Collection Deposit Report: \$627,912.68

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of September and October 2019 Statement of Cash and Investments, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the November 2019 Treasurer’s Collection Deposit Report, seconded by Alderman Todd. 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 and explained the following for approval:

- Resolution #120219A: Tax Abatement – Electric System
- Resolution #120219B: Tax Abatement – Recovery Zone Economic Development
- Ordinance #462: Tax Levy for 2020

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval of Resolution #120219A, 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

Alderman Todd motioned approval of Resolution #120219B, 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

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of Ordinance #462: Tax Levy for 2020, seconded by Alderman Todd. 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 went over ordinance violation properties with the City Council.

Superintendent Biggs reported that the water tower and ground storage tank will be inspected this week.

Superintendent Biggs presented 3 bids for the new Generator Project at the New City Hall. He recommends the City go with Nash Electric and their bid of \$28,500.00.

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval of Nash Electric's bid of \$28,500.00, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Abstain: 1 - Washburn

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that he received some bids for the light project at the New City Hall but was still working on putting them together. He also wanted to thank the Street Department for all the work they do with the leaf Vacuum. He also reported that Billy Hamilton has completed his 90 day probationary period and he recommends the City Hire him to full-time status.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval to hire Billy Hamilton to full-time Status, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Economic Development Director Maulding reported that the IHDA survey was ongoing and asked the Council and public to please fill out the survey. She is going to change the Feast on the Street day to coincide with the Chamber Crazy Casey Days.

Chief Henderson thanked the Utility Department for putting up the new speed signs on Main Street. The City now has a contract with Bender Kennels to house dogs. The only way they will pick up a dog though is if it is detained or in a fence. They won't come and seek out dogs. The PD has no place to store dogs so they aren't able to pick them up either. If there is continuous

dog at large issues from the same offender the PD can issue citations though. Chief Henderson also gave out Activity Reports for September and October 2019.

EMA Director Brewer reported that he has some workers lined up for the Candy Canes on Main Parade and to help with Saturday as well.

New Business:

Mayor Pro-Tem Mumford reported on the Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Committee Meeting they held on 12/2/2019.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval to award the Community Grant to Shop-With-A-Cop in Clark County in the amount of \$500.00, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Todd motioned approval of the Revitalization Grant to Kenny Shobe in the amount of \$500.00, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval of the Feasibility Study with MSA, seconded by Alderman Todd. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

The following bids were opened for the sale of 108 East Main Street:

- Casey First Baptist Church - \$100,049.00
- Karen Huddlestun - \$40,150.00
- Jim Bolin - \$37,500.00
- Jerry Self - \$45,020.00

After some discussion on the bids, Mayor Pro-Tem Mumford asked if there were any motions.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the bid for 108 East Main Street from the Casey First Baptist Church in the amount of \$100,049.00, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Richardson, Ruffner, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 1 – Mumford

Absent: 1 – Williams

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented 3 bids that were opened up earlier in the day for the Police Department Remodel, they were the following:

- Gary Goble Construction and Whaley Construction - \$28,290.00
- Wimbley Construction Company - \$29,663.79
- Central State Construction - \$49,063.00

After some discussion Mayor Pro-Tem Mumford asked if there were any motions. Alderman Todd motioned approval of the bid for the Police Department Remodel from Gary Goble Construction and Whaley Construction in the amount of \$28,290.00, seconded by Alderman Richardson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Williams

Abstain: 1 - Washburn

Motion declared carried

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Pro-Tem brought up the new Cannabis Law. After some discussion the Council would like for Attorney Shoaff to present a resolution at the next Council Meeting that would allow the City to put the question on the ballot for the next Election.

Alderman Reports:

Mayor Pro Tem Mumford encouraged everybody to attend Candy Canes on Main this weekend. She thanked the PD for all the hard work they have been doing with all the abatement issues. She also had a traffic concern on East Alabama and Colorado.

Alderman Ruffner reported that he appreciates the extra steps our Officers and Attorney take to try and resolve some abatement issues.

Mayor Reports:

None

There was no further Business of the City Council for the December 2nd, 2019 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Washburn motioned to adjourn, 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

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk