

City of Casey



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Jeremy Mumford

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Gail Lorton

Collector

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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 DECEMBER 30TH, 2019 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday December 30th, 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:

Mayor Groothuis brought up a request from the National Road Association of Illinois. They are looking for donations to help cover the costs of the Kiosks they put up throughout the different communities on the National Road. They originally had a loan that the State of Illinois was going to help fund. The State has since left the loan for the Association to pay. They are looking for \$500 - \$1,000 donation. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis asked if there were any motions, hearing none Mayor Groothuis moved on.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 City Council Meeting

Alderman Mumford motioned approval of the minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 Council 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



Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford presented the Calendar of Meetings for 2020 for approval.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the 2020 City Council Meeting Dates, 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

Treasurer Lorton presented the December 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report for approval.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the December 2019 Treasurer's Collection Deposit Report in the amount of \$702,053.61, 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

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

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the November 2019 Statement of Cash and Investment in the amount of \$12,516,318.33, 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

Attorney Shoaff presented the Casey Township Park District Budget and Tax Levy for approval.

Alderman Williams motioned approval of the Casey Township Park District Budget and Tax levy, 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

Attorney Shoaff also reported that we are waiting until closer to middle of February to close on the sale of former City Hall. She also had a downtown business owner voice concerns to her about downtown parking and the 2 hour limit. This owner feels like that needs to be enforced. Mayor Groothuis recommends the Street and Alley committee look at this further. She also gave kudos to Chief Henderson and his officers and to Superintendent Biggs.

Superintendent Biggs reported that he has received the following bids for the lighting project at the new City Hall:

- Progressive Chemical: \$14,000.00
- Industrial Supply: \$11,464.00
- Springfield Electric Supply Company: \$11,074.17

He recommends we go with the Springfield Electric Supply Company.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to award the bid for the light project at City Hall to Springfield Electric Supply Company in the amount of \$11,074.17, 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

Superintendent Biggs presented the following bids for the Well Abandonment of the Cities Wells:

- Layne - \$62,489.00
- Brotcke Well & Pump - \$46,964.00
- Sloans Water Well Service - \$29,700

He recommends we go with Sloans Water Well Service for this project. This will also be paid for from the Waterline Construction Account with funds from USDA.

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to award the bid for the Well abandonment project to Sloans Water Well Service in the amount of \$29,700.00, 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

Collector Hickox reported that recycling and trash service this week will be a day later due to the holiday. Also the trash company will be picking up trees this week free of charge.

Economic Development Director Maulding presented a Newsletter for 2019 and gave updates on what her office has accomplished in 2019.

Chief Henderson gave an activity report for the Council to Review and reported on a few burglaries recently and reminded everybody to please lock up vehicles and homes.

New Business:

Ordinance Committee Chairman Todd reported on the Ordinance meeting they had on 12/11/2019. He brought up the possibility of change the voting order the council has when doing roll call vote. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis asked if there were any motions.

Alderman Ruffner motioned approval to change to voting order to rotate with each vote, but still in Alphabetical order, 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

Chairman Todd then presented Ordinance #463: An Ordinance which prohibits Cannabis Businesses from operating within the City Limits of Casey. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis asked if there were any motions.

Alderman Todd motioned approval of Ordinance #463, seconded by Alderman Williams. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Mumford, Todd, Washburn and Williams
Nays: 2 – Richardson and Ruffner
Motion declared carried

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Chairman Mumford reported on the meeting held on 12/30/2019. They had an application for a business improvement grant for Shore Murphy.

Alderman Mumford motioned approval to award Shore Murphy with a Business Improvement Grant in the amount of \$2,437.50, 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

Unfinished Business:
None

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Mumford had a question about Basset Training and wanted to thank Economic Development Director Maulding for putting out that newsletter. She also brought up that, she was emailed by Dale Huisinga Jr. about the possibility of annexing in property they have North of the Interstate into City Limits. They have a chance to have development on this property and are asking about annexation and also about getting utilities there. Mayor Groothuis asked her to ask him to come to the next Council Meeting to discuss this with the City Council.

Alderman Williams had some questions about lighting in his Ward and also wondered about the gas fire pit at the welcome center lot.

Alderman Washburn had concerns with street gutters not being cleaned out.

Alderman Ruffner thanked Bailey and Natasha for their facebook posts keeping the City informed, and had several comments regarding the police department and thanked them.

Mayor Reports:
None

There was no further Business of the City Council for the December 30th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Todd motioned to adjourn, 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

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk