

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 3rd, 2020
6:00 P. M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday February 3rd, 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
Alderman Todd
Alderman Washburn

Absent: Alderman Williams

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:
None

Community Affairs:

Several members of the Casey Saddle Club were present to update the City Council and request approval for improvements planned for the horse arena. They received a grant for \$10,000.00. Their plans are to repair drainage by laying drain tiles, make the arena round, new fencing and lighting. They requested a donation from the City to help with the cost as labor which is not included in the grant monies. It was also discussed that the city electric dept. would mount the new light on existing poles unless they City could supply taller poles to increase the lighting in the area.

A Park Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 6th at 5:15 to be held at the horse arena in the park to discuss improvements.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the January 20th, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the January 20th City Council Meeting, 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

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing.
Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 27th, 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

Officers Reports:

In the absence of Clerk Mumford Treasurer Lorton requested approval of the January 2020 bills totaling \$679,403.65.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the January Bills Payable totaling \$679,403.65, 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

Attorney Shoaff presented Ordinance # 464 Cannabis Use Ordinance.

After discussion and with the correction on page 5 paragraph f to (\$200.00) Alderman Mumford motioned to approved Ordinance #464 Cannabis Use Ordinance, 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 the Council with Ordinance # 465 amending sections of the Liquor Control Section of the Casey Municipal Code.

Alderman Todd approved Ordinance #465, 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

Attorney Shoaff also explained to the Council that at the next meeting Mayor Groothuis will need to select 3 members of the Council to be on the Zoning Committee. Attorney Shoaff has been in contact with Joe Creek of the Casey First Baptist Church in regards to the closing date of the old City Hall. She continues to work on the Rate Ordinance and is beginning work on taking delinquent Utility customers to small claims court.

Superintendent Biggs addressed the question of the generator at City Hall stating that we are still waiting on Nash Electric.

Economic Development Director Maulding thanked those who attended the IHDA meeting. Reported that there will be a meeting in her office on Thursday, February 6th in her office to discuss the Feasibility Study.

Chief Henderson will meet with Mr. Goble to get a clearer date of completion on the construction of the new police department.

EMA Director Brewer reported that he asked Clerk Mumford to check into a refurbished computer for them.

New Business:

Alderman Todd reported on the meeting of the Ordinance and License Committee held on January 30th, 2020. With the following changes the 75% food to 25% drink ration be amended to 65/35% ratio and changes in the numbers. Which appears in Ordinance # 465 that was approved earlier this evening.

Unfinished Business – None

Alderman Reports

Alderman Ruffner requested that the Finance Committee consider a K-9 for the Police Dept. in the 2021 Appropriations if the Chief is interested in one. Also asked questions about the cost of roll offs.

Mayors Report

Reported that the Softball Association will be hosting a National Men's Fast Pitch Softball Invitational Tournament the first full weekend in August. The goal is to have 12 to 20 teams.

Motion to Adjourn

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 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Lorton, Deputy Clerk