

City of Casey



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Carlene Richardson

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Pete Todd

Kelsey Washburn

Jerome Williams

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY MARCH 16TH, 2020 6:00 P.M

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday March 16th, 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
Alderman Williams

Absent: None

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum:

Karen Huddlestun with Casey Family Medical Center was present and talked to the Council about her wanting to purchase the lot next to her building from the City so she can add onto her current facility. They have outgrown their facility and would like to expand. The Mayor thanked her for coming and stated they would talk about what the Council would like to do with that property.

Community Affairs:

1. Casey Softball Museum – Steve Voris with the Casey Softball Museum was present and gave an update on the Museum, and the projects they have done in the past. They currently hold a \$2,200.00 note for the balance of the last addition they did and request a \$2,500 donation from the City. Finance Chairman Williams stated that when they start the appropriations, they will look at this and see if they can do something to help.
2. COVID-19 Discussion – Cathy Hayden with the Clark County Health Department was present and gave an overview on what is going on with COVID-19, and what the CCHD is doing to help with this. After some questions from Council Members, Mayor Groothuis informed the Council that City Hall Lobby was closed to the public, and if people needed to pay utility bills they could use the drive up, walk up, night box or pay online. He also talked about the request from the ICC to suspend penalties and disconnects until May 1st to help ease the burden on consumers. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis reported that the City of Casey will suspend

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penalties and disconnects for Utility Costumers until May 1st, which at that time we will revisit this.

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for approval of the minutes of the March 2nd, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of the minutes of the March 2nd, 2020 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Washburn, Williams, Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Officers Reports:

Clerk Mumford presented March 16th, 2020 Bills Payable for approval.

Alderman Richardson motioned approval of the March 16th, 2020 Bills Payable in the amount of \$162,362.13 seconded by Alderman Mumford. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Williams, Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner, Todd and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented January and February 2020 Statements of Cash and Investments for approval.

Alderman Washburn motioned approval of January (\$13,005,080.09) and February (\$13,253,865.02) 2020 Statements of Cash and Investments, 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

Attorney Shoaff asked for approval to go into Executive Session for discussion on Personnel and Possible Purchase of Property.

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

Ayes: 6 – Ruffner, Todd, Washburn, Williams, Mumford and Richardson

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:48 p.m.

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

Ayes: 6 – Todd, Washburn, Williams, Mumford, Richardson and Ruffner

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Regular meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

There was no Council Action following Executive Session.

Superintendent Biggs reported that he has scheduled demolition of the houses on NW 2nd and East Jefferson for the first week of April. He is still waiting on work from HWC for the drainage project to go forward with that.

Economic Development Director Maulding reported on what grants were in progress and what she has been working on. We should be receiving the money for the NW waterline grant soon. Also she has started working on getting the 4th of July activities scheduled.

Chief Henderson presented the activity report for February.

New Business:

Public Utility Committee Chairman Ruffner reported on the meeting held on March 12th, 2020 where they discussed the possible expansion of utility North of I-70. Attorney Shoaff has written a letter of support to the property owner that states if there is a development in that area the City will work with the developer to get Utilities ran to them.

Street and Alley Committee Williams reported on the meeting held on March 16th, 2020 where they discussed downtown parking and the enforcement of the 2-hour parking limit. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis and Chief Henderson will get together and come up with a letter to business owners with concerns of the 2-hour limit.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Groothuis brought up the request from Circle K to be granted a pour license so they would be able to have gaming at their Casey location. After some discussion Mayor Groothuis asked if there was any motions.

Alderman Williams motioned approval to deny the request to add another liquor license, seconded by Alderman Ruffner. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Washburn, Williams, Mumford, Richardson, Ruffner and Todd

Nays: 0 – None

Motion declared carried

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Mumford asked about a burnt trailer and what can be done about it. The Chief will have his officers look at it and possible issue Abate tickets for it.

Alderman Williams would like the Public Utility Committee to get together to review the utility bills the City pays. Chairman Ruffner will get a meeting scheduled sometime.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis reported that Leon Goble with the National Road Committee would like the Council to reconsider donating money to them to help pay for the kiosk in front of the old City Hall. Economic Development Director Maulding recommend they fill out a City Grant

application and then she can bring that to the committee for review. Mayor Groothuis also had Attorney Shoaff give an update on City Municipal Court and the Council would like Attorney Shoaff to continue with getting more information and a cost analysis on doing this.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the March 16th, 2020 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

Adjournment of the City Council was at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk