

**Casey City Council
Casey Community Building
August 5, 2019
Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Casey City Council was held Monday August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Barry Chalfant, Bret Wedemeyer, Nick Lindberg, Rick Richter and Stacy Wagner. Also present was Public Works Director, City Attorney Clint Fichter. Councilmember Travis Peterson and City Clerk Michelle Sargent were absent.

At 7:02 PM. Mayor Chalfant called the meeting to order. All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Wedemeyer and second by Wagner. All ayes; carried.

A motion by Wagner and second by Richter to approve the consent agenda which included Minutes from July 1st regular meeting and bills as presented. All Ayes; carried.

Bills presented:

BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 5, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING		
VENDOR	FOR	AMOUNT
ACKER, LELAND	LABOR	\$ 60.00
ADAIR AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE MAINT	\$ 10.58
ADAIR NEWS	PUBLICATION	\$ 691.10
AGSOURCE	TESTING	\$ 645.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,719.16
ANITA SUPPLY	GROUND MAINT	\$ 19.98
B AND C ROLLOFF	GROUND MAINT	\$ 450.00
BEST PORTABLE TOILETS	GROUND MAINT	\$ 1,484.00
CANON	EQUIPMENT	\$ 111.99
CASEY TELEPHONE	UTILITIES	\$ 281.97
DANG BROTHER PIZZA	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 75.00
DEARBORN	PREMIUM	\$ 126.30
DIANE MERICAL	GROUND MAINT	\$ 232.50
EFTPS	FICA	\$ 2,474.19
EMC	PREMIUM	\$ 40,140.00
EXIRA COMMUNITY CLUB	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 75.00
FIRE BOARD	YEARLY DONATION	\$ 7,000.00

GUTHRIE CO REC	UTILITIES	\$ 471.09
GUTHRIE CO YOUTH FOUNDATION	DUES	\$ 30.00
IOWA CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 170.76
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	\$ 2,822.00
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL FEE	\$ 210.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 24.30
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 1,479.13
JACOBSEN	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$ 548.11
KALLHOFF, FAYE	REFUND	\$ 2.19
LEANN JACOBSEN	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$ 200.00
LINDA BETSINGER MCCANN	PROGRAMING	\$ 75.00
MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 259.53
MILLERS	GROUND MAINT	\$ 61.25
PAYROLL	PAYROLL	\$ 9,691.60
PETTY CASH	SUPPLIES	\$ 109.11
SARGENT, MICHELLE	REMBMT	\$ 26.75
SCHILDBERG CONSTRUCTION	GROUND MAINT	\$ 276.80
SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA	PROGRAMING	\$ 200.00
STOUFFER, BEN	SEWER TESTING	\$ 300.00
STUART TRUE VALUE	BUILD MAINT	\$ 156.63
THORPE WATER	GROUND MAINT	\$ 10,294.58
VISA-ROLLING HILLS	MISC	\$ 704.66
WELLMARK	PREMIUM	\$ 3,822.39
WHITE OAKS STATION	VEHICLE MAINT	\$ 356.26
		\$ 89,888.91

Welker stated the wells were worked on and one was cleaned using an air compressor. Wells worked well during the first week, but a drought in the second week required pumps to be throttled down. Approximately five feet of gravel was found in well #5, and Thorp Water estimated to have been there since the 1980s. A pump on the #3 well went out, Welker had Vais replace it. Jon will look into fitting the boom truck with a new feature to aid in well cleaning to save the City money. Welker purchased an underwater well camera for \$165 to aid in well investigation.

Hayes Street had a one inch main line burst (estimated to be the 4th burst in a short period of time). Jon recommended that the City should look into negotiating a deal with the Phone Company to bore a line for a new main if another burst occurs.

Richter recommended the Council look into acquiring a safety chute for use when working in

deep holes.

Welker has one more sewer test left to get his Grade Level two Sewer license. He plans to take it later in August.

Nick read the Clerk's report that was submitted by paper. EMC claim has been received from the wind storm in late May that damaged the Visitor Center. Ehrman Construction is doing the repairs. Four building permits were approved; Grubbs-deck, Rogers-garage, Fredrickson-fence and Manning-deck. Sargent continues to work with FEMA for funding from the spring floods.

A motion to let the Better Keep Our Day Job group use the Visitors Center for free for play practices and the Play was made by Wagner and seconded by Richter. All ayes; carried.

GWorks' representative Genie Andrews was present and gave the Council information on their Asset Management and Data Collection System. The Council expressed concern over paying the estimated \$30,852 price for the system, including a \$3,600 yearly subscription. Genie Andrews suggested it be tabled until the next meeting so City employees can try a demo of the system, and if payment was an issue, they were willing to negotiate a payment plan spanning multiple fiscal years. Tabled.

A Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07 Street Financial Report FY2019 was made by Wedemeyer and second by Richter. All ayes; carried.

A Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-08 to hire Knapp full time was made by Richter and second by Wedemeyer. All Ayes; carried.

A Motion to adopt a Basic Emergency Response Guide, prepared by Lindberg, was made by Wagner and seconded by Wedemeyer. All ayes; carried.

Nick informed the Council this was a generalized summary of the City's responsibilities required by the Guthrie County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and did not include every responsibility or mandate listed therein; it would still be up to each department to be familiar with all of their GCCEMP duties. This guide also provides a basic plan and relevant maps for the City to reference if a natural disaster strikes the town.

Discussion on construction materials on public sidewalks was tabled due to Peterson' absence.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09 Adopting the Personnel Policies/Employee Handbook and Governing Body Policies changes was made by Richter and seconded by Wagner. All

ayes; carried.

Resolution 2019-10 Adopting the Investment Policy was made by Wedemeyer and seconded by Wagner. All ayes; carried.

Discussion was held on the pet ordinance. A request was made by a resident asking the City to provide accommodations for a pit bull claimed to be an emotional support animal. The Mayor will visit the County Auditor and ask whether or not a question seeking public opinion on changing the pet ordinance to lift the ban on pit bulls and other dogs deemed vicious or dangerous per current City Code was a legal option. The resident who requested the accommodations asked for a written response to their request, and the Council informed that one will be given sometime next week. Tabled.

There was discussion on a mistake in the Adair News ad advertising 705 Russell to be demolished or rehabilitated. The Council previously ordered that it was to be demolished within 60 days only. Also discussed was Clint's excessively late publishing of the ad.

No bids were received.

A Motion to re-run the same 705 Russell Street ad in the Adair news after removing, "To rehabilitate the property or promise to", and adding, "residential," before, "property owned by the City of Casey," in the first sentence with a closing sealed bid acceptance time of 12:00 PM on September 5, 2019 and an opening bid time of 7:00 PM on September 5, 2019 made by Wagner and seconded by Wedemeyer. All ayes; carried.

Motion to run an ad identical to the corrected 705 Russell ad in the Adair News for 204 West 3rd Street with a closing sealed bid acceptance time of 12:00 PM on September 5, 2019 and an opening bid time of 7:00 PM on September 5, 2019 made by Wagner and seconded by Wedemeyer. All ayes; carried.

Lindberg will make these changes and will include the 204 West 3rd ad in the 705 Russell ad per the Council's direction and City Attorney's advisement.

Discussion was held on 200 West Grant. The owner asked if a building permit was needed to replace a caved-in basement wall, and the Council wasn't sure. The owner said he would buy a building permit to expedite the repairs, and if it turns out that one isn't needed, the Council agreed to provide a refund of the building permit's cost. Tabled.

Discussion on 300 East 3rd was tabled.

Several other nuisances were discussed and deferred to the current fiscal quarter's nuisance officer (Peterson).

A claim was made by an unknown individual that the city had burnt down and/or buried a structure containing asbestos. The individual further claimed that Councilmember Richter had said he was friends with the State Fire Marshall and encouraged him to turn a blind eye to the illegal disposals. Richter disputed this claim by saying he didn't know the State Fire Marshall. These claims were a continuation from last month's regular meeting where the same individual thought he heard the City vote on burning or burying 705 Russell Street, a standing building that is currently for sale on sealed bid. The Council disputed the claim that the City had illegally disposed of asbestos, citing a conversation where someone inquired if 705 Russell could be burnt or buried. The unknown individual then claimed he had the Council's confession of the act recorded. The Council replied by stating it was unsure if there was asbestos in the building, and that they knew a test would be needed before the City could conduct any demolition and removal. If the building was sold as-is to someone else, though, that responsibility would go to the new owner.

Public Works will pay extra attention to watering the trees next to the Visitors Center, and while doing so, they will also check on the Main Street garbage cans. It was reported that illegal dumping was taking place in Main Street garbage cans, and the City will begin paying extra attention.

Motion to adjourn by Wagner and seconded by Wedemeyer. All ayes; carried.

Immediately following adjournment, a brief and heated conversation was held between an unknown individual claiming to be a new resident (the same individual claiming the City illegally demolished buildings with asbestos) and the Mayor. The Mayor threatened to call the Sheriff if the individual did not leave, but the individual eventually left.

Barry Chalfant-Mayor

ATTEST:

Fund balances

FUND BALANCES JULY 2019

EXPENSES

FUND	MONTH TO DATE EXPENSES	YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES
GENERAL	18,239.67	18,239.67
LIBRARY	1,403.28	1,403.28
ROAD USE	2,620.74	2,620.74
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	3,543.70	3,543.70
EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	0.00	0.00
DEBT SERVICE	0.00	0.00
2015 CITY HALL	6.92	6.92
PARK PROJECT	0.00	0.00
MCPHERSON RECONSTRUCTION	0.00	0.00
WATER/SEWER STUDY	0.00	0.00
WATER	7,281.17	7,281.17
SEWER	5,569.82	5,569.82
TOTAL	38,665.30	38,665.30

REVENUES

FUND	MONTH TO DATE REVENUES	YEAR TO DATE REVENUES
GENERAL	13,318.04	13,318.04
LIBRARY	3,113.82	3,113.82
ROAD USE	3,783.38	3,783.38
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	617.53	617.53
EMERGENCY	39.80	39.80
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	2,737.35	2,737.35
DEBT SERVICE	750.22	750.22
2015 CITY HALL	0.00	0.00
PARK PROJECT	0.00	0.00

MCPHERSON RECONSTRUCTION	0.00	0.00
WATER/SEWER STUDY	0.00	0.00
WATER	9,231.64	9,231.64
SEWER	9,021.55	9,021.55
TOTAL	42,613.33	42,613.33