

Casey Regular City Council Meeting
Casey Community Building
May 4, 2020

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020, via teleconference due to COVID-19 according to Governor Reynolds recommendations. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Bret Wedemeyer, Rick Richter, Stacy Wagner, Larry Chmelar, and Leland Acker were present; also present were City Clerk Gwen Blass, Public Works Director Jon Welker, Tim Knapp and Attorney Clint Fichter.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to remove item #24 from the agenda; all ayes. Motion by Richter second by Chmelar to approve the amended agenda; all ayes. Wagner questioned when the Cigarette Permit Application was received, stating Moe's Mart has been selling tobacco since they reopened. Motion by Chmelar second by Wagner to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item C-Moe's Mart Cigarette/Tobacco Permit, otherwise including the, 4/6/20 regular meeting, 4/14/20 special meeting minutes, monthly bills, 28D Agreement with Adair Police, 28D Agreement with City of Menlo, and approval of the CDBG contract application; all ayes.

Blass provided a written clerks report. Blass asked council to set cold patch charges to the public. Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to approve charge of \$170.00 for a skid loader bucket of cold patch for public; all ayes. Discussion regarding disposing of red van that was abandoned April 2019. Blass found an error on a water bill dating back to October 2019 and has calculated the corrected billing, will send information for payment to customer. Casey was awarded the GCCF Grant of \$2275 for picnic tables and trees for the community center courtyard. Clerk will place order for tables and the Casey Grant Committee will order the trees and pay the \$2275 matching funds. Chmelar asked about status of utility account arrears. Progress is being made with several customers paying off old debt.

Welker provided the public works report. Received bids to repair sewer pipe that has shifted north of the post office. Motion by Wagner second by Wedemeyer to accept the low bid of \$3200 from Clearview Tree Shearing & Contracting; all ayes. Welker stated that he has received two bids for W Thomas Road repair. Richter asked if a formal bid process was used. Council requested that the State scope of work be used to get bids. Clerk will get from FEMA or the State so Welker can get new bids. Still trying to find water leaks. Had IA Rural Water person out, but did not find any leaks. Welker requested hiring Steve Hively to do leak detection who charges \$500 to \$1000. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to hire Steve Hively to search for water leaks; all ayes. Welker will have him come as soon as possible.

Mayor Lindberg provided a revised Local Emergency Proclamation due to COVID-19 extending the current proclamation through May 31, 2020. Motion by Chmelar seconded by Richter to approve extension of Casey's Local Emergency Proclamation; all ayes.

Motion by Chmelar seconded by Wedemeyer to open the public hearing at 7:30 pm for the FY20 Budget Amendment; all ayes. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Acker second by Wagner to close the public hearing at 7:32 pm; all ayes.

Motion by Chmelar second by Richter to approve Resolution 2020-11 to adopt FY20 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Wagner second by Acker to approve Resolution 2020-12 to set public hearing date to enter into a \$20,000 loan agreement. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Wagner second by Chmelar to approve Resolution 2020-13 to set public hearing date to enter into a \$100,000 loan agreement. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Wagner second by Wedemeyer to approve Resolution 2020-14 to set public hearing date to sell real property. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Health, Life and Short Term Disability insurance renewals were discussed with Robert Kreimeyer present. Wellmark will have an 8.03% cost increase and Dearborn had no increase. Kreimeyer presented alternative plans for consideration. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to renew current health

insurance plan with Wellmark BC/BS and change to Sun Life Financial Plan 2 for Life insurance of \$30,000 with no short term disability coverage; all ayes.

Compensation for Jon Welker Grade 2 Certification was discussed. Motion by Acker second by Chmelar to give a \$1.50 per hour pay raise to Jon Welker for receiving Grade 2 Certification; all ayes. Discussed annual review compensation for employees. Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to give a 2.5% across the board increase for Jon, Tim and Gwen; all ayes.

Kaylan Simmons requests permission to install a 5 strand barbwire fence or woven wire fence. City code prohibits barbwire within the city limits without council approval. Fichter stated that most Cities do not allow barbwire. Council doesn't wish to set a precedence allowing one person. Motion by Chmelar second by Wedemeyer to not allow barbwire within City limits per code section 364.1; ayes – Wedemeyer, Wagner, & Chmelar, nays – Richter and Acker. Motion passed.

Lindberg and Wagner have received requests for citywide cleanup. Council requested clerk to get cost information from Adair for Matt Mills to do cleanup and cost for last year's dumpsters.

Attorney Fichter recommended having a written independent contractor agreement, W-9 and proof of liability insurance with the city cleaning person.

Motion by Wagner second by Chmelar to charge a \$10.00 Delinquent Door Notice fee and update city ordinance 6-5-5(a) wording; all ayes.

Lindberg asked council if they would like to use some of the remainder of the community building loan to purchase ADA door latch, floor buffer, tables, new pads for chairs and tables or return it to the bank/loan. Council would like pricing on ADA door latch and to purchase base glides for 2 tables and a few chairs to see if they work. Clerk asked to use some of the money to purchase a few storage selves for supplies. Council was in agreement and would like to put discussion of balance on May 20th meeting.

Richter would like to address issue at the old water tower property location. Adjacent property owners are using property. Council would like to have proof of boundary lines designating where the city property is, and the city start maintaining the property. Richter suggested having it surveyed. Motion by Wagner second by Richter to contact Mike Semke to survey old water tower property to have city maintain property; all ayes.

Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to renew Liberty Mutual workers compensation Insurance policy with The Insurance Store; all ayes.

Richter asked if there was still a need to cut down the tree in Rutt Park. Welker does not feel it is a hazard.

Discussion on Russell St. property status. Richter concerned that utilities were still active. Fichter talked to council about a housing program to bring in affordable housing to Casey.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Wagner to approve a contract with Justin Rumple on repairs and maintenance of water line going to his new house; all ayes. Council would like contract signed by Rumple before water is hooked up.

Discussion on Rumple easement at City Well property to determine distance for farming. Attorney Fichter stated it is a 200' radius distance from well point to spray.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Fichter has 2 properties ready for hearing process. Council would like to focus on completing these. Will start working on vehicles, grass and junk.

Motion by Richter second by Acker to adjourn at 9:35 pm; all ayes.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

Gwen Blass, City Clerk

April Claims Report

Salaries		\$	6,558.98
IPERS		\$	1,376.27
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$	1,712.08
Collections Services	Child Support	\$	276.92
Adair Co. Landfill	Landfill Fees	\$	1,491.00

Adair News	Publications	\$ 194.06
Agsource Laboratories	Sewer Test	\$ 1,146.00
Alan Farnsworth	Bldg Rent Refund	\$ 450.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,377.09
Amazon.com	Lib Books/DVD	\$ 279.35
Canon Financial Srv	Copier Lease	\$ 111.99
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 277.37
Casey Post Office	Postage	\$ 780.00
Casey Service Club	Dues	\$ 50.00
Central IA Distributing	Trash Bags	\$ 101.60
Dearborn Life Ins.	Life Ins.	\$ 231.55
Diane Mercial	Cleaning	\$ 240.00
Fichter Munic. Srv	Atty Fees	\$ 1,476.25
Guthrie Automotive	Eq *& Swr Rpr	\$ 81.38
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 427.69
Horizon Equip	Backhoe Rpr	\$ 819.38
IA DOT	Road Salt	\$ 2,154.24
Jacobson's Inc	Waterline Rpr	\$ 203.27
Juelsgaard Fire Ind	Annl Inspection	\$ 120.00
Lisa LaCore	Bldg Rent Refund	\$ 100.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 73.20
Semke & Associates	Survey	\$ 673.50
Snyder & Associates	Eng Fee – Park	\$ 1,350.00
SW IA Pest Control	Pest Cntrl	\$ 159.00
State Auditor	Annl Exam	\$ 5,259.66
Stuart True Value	Ballast/Supplies	\$ 230.47
Treasurer, State of IA	Qtrly Tax	\$ 1,740.00
V & K	Eng Fees – Sewer	\$ 8,143.59
Visa	Lib Projection Screen	\$ 642.85
Wallace Auto	Trk Mnt	\$ 258.50
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 5,534.58

Totals By Fund	Expenses	Revenue
General Fund	\$ 15,248.10	\$ 56,121.75
Library	\$ 1,040.94	\$ 3,113.82
Road Use	\$ 4,833.12	\$ 4,268.41
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,440.25	\$ 13,977.72
Emergency		\$ 874.50
LOST		\$ 2,323.16
Debt Service		\$ 11,045.33
Capital Projects	\$ 9,493.59	\$
Water	\$ 7,377.44	\$ 9,696.75
Sewer	\$ 6,976.38	\$ 8,883.02
	\$ 49,409.82	\$ 110,304.46