

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting
Casey Community Building
November 7, 2022**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022, at the Casey Community Building. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Rick Richter, Rick Blake, and Leland Acker; City Clerk Gwen Blass, and Public Works Director Jon Welker, were present.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. All rose to say the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Richter second by Acker to approve the agenda; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller. Motion by Acker second by Blake to approve the consent agenda including the 10/3/22 minutes, October bills, bank reconciliation, utility billing reconciliation and Casey Service Club Liquor License Renewal; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Jon Conzett with Calhoun-Burns & Associates presented information regarding the condition of the West Thomas St. Bridge and the status of the Federal Aid SWAP funding changes. Information from the most recent bridge inspection indicates that the bridge is in poor overall condition. With the existing weight restriction and age of the bridge, Jon estimates 5 to 10 years remaining life of the bridge. Due to new federal aid regulations, the Federal Aid SWAP agreement that was signed on March, 2021 will be converted to strictly federal aid. The converted agreement will follow the SWAP agreement and be capped at one million for construction cost, which is 500,000 less than the new Federal Aid agreements. Jon is confident that the costs to repair the bridge will exceed one million and recommends that the City decline the conversion to Federal Aid and be placed back on the list of eligible candidates for the new Federal Aid Construction funding for FY2024. To move forward with the bridge replacement the City will need to enter into a contract with Calhoun-Burns to begin the preliminary design phase. Prior delays to start the bridge project were a result of Title 6 documents that needed to be filed to qualify for Federal Aid. Those documents are now in place. Richter would like to see the project completed. Motion by Richter second by Blake to submit a letter to decline Federal Aid funding in the converted agreement and request to be on the list of eligible candidates for the current level of \$1.5 million Federal Aid Construction fund for FY2024; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller. Contract discussion will be placed on December 3rd agenda.

Kacey Peterson, Matt and Stacey Wedemeyer representing the Casey Park Committee updated the council on the Rutt Park renovation project. Work on the path should start in two to three weeks. A large portion of the project is done from volunteered labor. Phases of renovation plan will be completed as funding is available with grants, donations and fund raisers.

Blass provided a written clerks report. Will testify at Kuster/Templeman hearing on 11/10, received insurance check for medical center central air unit, received a lease termination letter from Guthrie Family Medical Center, attended several training meetings, and received her Municipal Finance Officer Certification. Budget workshop set for December 14th at 6:00 pm.

Welker provided the public works report, informing the council that he was still dealing with water line leaks and the need to cut out a 3' by 5' section of new sidewalk to replace a shutoff valve that is not working. Mayor Lindberg stated that the City would be responsible for concrete replacement costs. Welker reported that they have been hauling sludge and that the ammonia level is still testing high at the sewer plant, may need to clean out the pond to resolve the issue.

Kelly Freestone requested permission to place a 4 season camper on the Christensen property located on Plaine St. until next summer, when he will build a tiny home. The camper will be hooked up to city utilities. Motion by Richter second by Blake to allow a 4 season camper with full skirting as a temporary residence with a 2 year permit ending November 2024; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Mayor Lindberg reported that the Adair Landfill director has decided not to retire and that landfill per capita rates will increase in 2023. Lindberg asked the council to consider a \$1.00 per hour raise for Blass who received her certification. Motion by Blake second by Richter to give Gwen Blass a \$1.00 per hour increase for obtaining her Iowa Municipal Finance Officer Certification effective immediately; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Blass presented the FY2022 Annual Urban Renewal Report to the city council. Motion by Acker second by Richter to approve FY2022 Annual Urban Renewal Report; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Blass presented the TIF Indebtedness certifications to the city council. Motion by Richter second by Acker to approve the Tax Increment Financing Indebtedness Certifications to Guthrie Co. for \$4,500 and Adair Co. for \$500; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller. Motion by Richter second by Blake to approve Resolution #2022-21 to approve TIF Indebtedness Certification forms; Roll Call Vote Ayes – Richter, Blake and Acker, Absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Council reviewed Medical Center trailer rental and central air conditioning unit replacement. Guthrie Family Medical Center will terminate lease agreement as of December 31, 2022. Council will put Medical Trailer Use on the December agenda for discussion with full council. Motion by Richter second by Blake to not replace the central air conditioning unit at the medical trailer due to lease agreement termination; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Motion to approve Resolution #2022-22 Setting Compensation for Librarian new hire Leah Becker; Roll Call Vote Ayes – Richter, Blake and Acker, Absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

Council discussed Roger Wells noise complaints. Mayor Lindberg discussed issue with City Attorney. City will need to establish citation guidelines and fine schedule in City Code. Also have complaint regarding barking dogs. City sends letter regarding all complaints. Clerk will reach out to other cities for code amendment input.

Motion by Acker second by Richter to allow Life Serve to use the Community Building at no charge for blood drives in 2023; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

No public forum.

Motion by Acker second by Blake to adjourn at 9:43 pm; ayes –Richter, Blake and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer and Schiller.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

Gwen Blass, City Clerk

OCTOBER CLAIMS REPORT

Salaries		\$ 8,779.00
IPERS		\$ 1,794.16
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,343.06
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 414.00
Wellmark BC/BS	Vision Insurance	\$ 12.78
ACCO Unlimited	Chemicals	\$ 2,265.30
Acker, Leland	Vst Ctr Cleaning	\$ 40.00
Adair Co Landfill	Qtrly Fees	\$ 2,982.00
Agsource Laboratories	Wtr/Sewer Test	\$ 1,035.75
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 3,771.09
Amazon.com	Lib Books/Supplies	\$ 171.79
Anita Supply Center	Hose	\$ 47.57
Brown Supply	Wtrline Rpr	\$ 445.00
Caliber Concrete	NW Curb/Gutter	\$ 10,176.00
Canon Financial Service	Copier Lease	\$ 93.91
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 270.11
Des Moines Winsupply	Chlorine Pump	\$ 30.57
Draman, Daniel	Skidloader Rpr	\$ 300.00
Good Shepherd Church	Wreath	\$ 25.00
Grainger	Swr Plant Blower	\$ 184.50
Guthrie Automotive	Pickup Rpr/Tools	\$ 186.33
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 282.44
Guthrie Co Recorder	Recording Fees	\$ 24.00
Gworks	W2's/1099's	\$ 136.52
I-80 Enterprises	Bathhouse Mnt	\$ 47.94
IA DNR	Wtr Use Fee	\$ 115.00
IA League of Cities	Reg Fees	\$ 50.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 25.20
IA Pump Works	Well Pump	\$ 2,856.48
IA Rural Water Assn	Annl Dues	\$ 225.00
Jacobsen's Inc	Wtr Line Rpr	\$ 251.70
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 35.56
Miller Plumbing & Htg	Shop Thermostat Rpr	\$ 205.95
Petty Cash	Recording Fee/Supplies	\$ 5.88

Pigs Unlimited	Swr Plant Mnt	\$	81.07
Region XII GOG	Reg Fees	\$	40.00
Smith, Michael	Cleaning	\$	75.00
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$	59.46
SW IA Pest Control	Exterm Srv	\$	159.00
Swank Motion Pictures	Annl License	\$	361.00
The Adair News	Publications/Envelopes	\$	811.24
The Law Shop	Atty Fees	\$	40.00
Treasurer, State of IA	WET Tax	\$	594.62
Visa	Lodging/Postage/Supplies	\$	404.52
Wallace Auto Supply	Tamper Rent	\$	24.01
Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$	180.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$	6,130.08
Wex Bank	Gas	\$	49.32
Fund Totals	Revenue	Expenses	
General Fund	\$ 48,867.62	\$ 13,367.91	
Library	\$ 6,591.73	\$ 1,442.06	
Road Use	\$ 3,829.48	\$ 6,228.10	
Employee Benefits	\$ 20,745.14	\$ 4,286.98	
Emergency	\$ 888.90	\$	
LOST-Streets	\$ 1,369.22	\$ 3,392.00	
LOST-Parks	\$ 1,369.22	\$	
TIF	\$ 8,901.29	\$	
Debt Service	\$ 10,067.63	\$	
Water	\$ 11,452.40	\$ 12,722.17	
Sewer	\$ 10,170.96	\$ 7,199.69	