

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting
Casey Community Building
December 7, 2020**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020. Mayor Lindberg; Councilmembers Richter, Wagner, Chmelar, Wedemeyer and Acker were present; also present were Clerk Gwen Blass, Public Works Director Jon Welker, and Tim Knapp. Attorney Clint Fichter arrived at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. All rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to approve the agenda; all ayes. Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to approve the consent agenda including the 11/2 and 11/19 minutes, November bills and utility billing reconciliation; all ayes.

Blass provided a written clerks report. Blass asked council if they wanted to allow payment to the Guthrie Co Youth Foundation, council agreed to pay \$30 fee. Also reported that the Empowering Adair Co. Foundation grant application for the Kite Park project was denied, a complaint was received about the new stop sign on McPherson St., documentation has been submitted for the ECWAG Well Grant, and has been working on the Derecho FEMA grant.

Mayor informed the council that interviews for the cleaning contract were held and felt Micki Chmelar was the most qualified candidate. Motion by Acker second by Wagner to award the community center cleaning contract to Micki Chmelar at \$15.00 per hour; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Wagner and Acker, abstain - Chmelar.

Welker provided the public works report. Discussion was held regarding payment to John Stolk for assisting with locating water lines. Council discussed establishing a baseline of payment and a contract for consulting services prepared by city attorney. Motion by Richter second by Acker to pay John Stolk \$100 and set up a contract that is compatible with Stolk and the City; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Wagner and Acker, nay – Chmelar. Welker reported that the city clock is no longer working. Wagner suggested contacting Windsor Clocks to repair the clock. The well installation is 100% complete. It is pumping with 1 of the 3 old wells being rotated in with the new well. Welker would like to have 40 hours of his accrued comp time paid out since he is at his 80 hour maximum. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to allow comp time payout of 40 hours for Jon Welker; all ayes.

Mayor Lindberg stated it was brought to his attention that veteran's day was not included as a paid holiday in the employee handbook and needs to be added, council agreed. Adair/Guthrie Co EMA Commission would like to use the community center to hold official meeting at no charge. Wedemeyer stated that the Casey Historical Society should be added also. Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to allow Adair/Guthrie Co EMA Commission and Casey Historical Society to use the community center at no charge for official meetings; all ayes. Lindberg gave an update on Covid situations with local hospitals.

Several nuisances are complete, Dick Edwards has the house totally torn down and hauled away. Cleanup at Charlie Davis's property will be on Thursday. Davis called city hall to say he is working on cleaning up property, Adair police and Guthrie Co Sheriff has been contacted to be available during cleanup, Emgarten has been working on removing junk and some vehicles.

Leland Acker requested to be reimbursed for October 1st utility bill on his rental property do to a minimum bill going to each the landlord and the tenant for the first partial month of rental. Motion by Wagner second by Richter to reimburse Leland Acker utility bill for Oct. 1st in the amount of \$78.10; all ayes.

Acker presented a demolition estimate for the house on Russell St. Acker stated that he requested 2 other bids and has not received them yet. Lindberg requested that the item be put on January agenda since we do not have all of the bids.

Baker street stop sign needs removed from ordinance since there are driveways blocking the placement of the stop sign. Fichter stated this will need to be done by resolution at the January 2021 meeting.

Council reviewed bids for a new computer for the clerk's office. Replacing the computer was recommended when technical support was needed after the email issue last month. Clerk will apply for the Aureon Grant to help cover cost of computer. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to accept computer bid of \$1259.95 from Solutions for Clerk's office computer and work on applying for the Aureon grant; all ayes.

Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to set date of budget workshop to December 28th at 6:00 pm; all ayes.

Employee reviews were discussed. Cost of living compensation will be discussed during budget process. Compensation for Gwen Blass one year anniversary was discussed. Motion by Acker second by Chmelar to pay Gwen Blass \$21.00 per hour effective with next pay cycle; all ayes. Council discussed Tim Knapp pay rate, job responsibilities, and need for a merit raise. Motion by Acker second by Chmelar to pay Tim

Knapp \$15.10 per hour effective with next pay cycle; all ayes. Council discussed waiting on a merit raise for Jon Welker since he recently received a large certification and merit increase. Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to factor in a 3% cost of living increase for Jon Welker effective July 1, 2021; ayes – Acker and Chmelar, nays – Richter, Wagner, Wedemeyer. Motion failed.

No public forum and no closed session per 21.5(j) Code of Iowa.

Attorney Fichter asked council if they would be interested in utilizing Rural Housing 360 for the property on Russell St. and have Steve Gilbert attend a council meeting.

Acker asked the status of the ADA doors for the community center. Blass talked with Door Co that will be installing the ADA doors, and was informed they are waiting on Elgin Electric to complete his work before doors can be installed.

Motion by Wagner second by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 9:40 pm; all ayes.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

Gwen Blass, City Clerk

November Claims Report

Salaries		\$ 7,712.15
IPERS		\$ 1,609.79
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,022.72
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 349.00
Collections Services	Child Support	\$ 276.92
Adair Co Landfill	Landfill Fees	\$ 1,491.00
Adair News	Publications	\$ 837.65
Adair Parts & Srv	Dump Trk Rpr	\$ 23.98
Agsource Laboratories	Sewer Test	\$ 1,084.50
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 3,681.25
Amazon.com	Supplies	\$ 78.72
Canon Financial Srv	Copier Lease	\$ 111.99
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 278.58
Casey Post Office	Postage	\$ 780.00
City of Casey	Merical Clnng	\$ 225.00
Fichter Munic Srv Law	Atty Fees	\$ 8,550.00
Good Shepard Church	Wreath	\$ 25.00
GPM	Swr Eq Rpr	\$ 869.56
Guthrie Automotive	Veh Rpr	\$ 136.02
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 572.89
Gwen Blass	Mileage	\$ 36.86
GWorks	Annl License	\$ 2,794.86
IA DNR	Water Permit	\$ 350.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 32.40
IA Prison Industries	Signs	\$ 362.01
IA Rural Water Assn	Dues	\$ 225.00
Jacobson's Inc	Wtr Rpr	\$ 324.20
Keystone Laboratories	Wtr Test	\$ 25.00
Kinze Service	Tire	\$ 20.00
Leland Acker	Vst Ctr Cleaning	\$ 20.00
Martin Marietta	Ice Sand	\$ 697.15
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 93.73
Rick Richter	Bldg Rent Refund	\$ 200.00
Rolling Hills Bank	Comm Bldg Pymt	\$ 14,307.35
S & L Water	Water	\$ 25.50
Sheldahl Plumbing & Htg	Wtr Main Rpr	\$ 340.00

Solutions	Tech Support	\$ 212.50
State Hygienic Lab	Wtr Test	\$ 120.00
Stuart True Value	Eq Mnt	\$ 334.65
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
Sunds Custom Fencing	Comm Bldg Fence	\$ 1,805.95
Utility Service Co	Stndpipe Tank	\$ 1,808.60
V & K	Engineering Fees	\$ 10,196.25
Visa	Vacuum/Supplies	\$ 459.90
Wallace Auto	Cable Ties	\$ 16.67
Welker, Jon	Boot Allw Reimb	\$ 150.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 5,957.96
Wex Bank	Gas	\$ 538.27

Totals By Fund

	Expenses	Revenue
General Fund	\$ 20,420.68	\$ 24,592.03
Library	\$ 1,353.78	\$ 6,569.58
Road Use	\$ 3,061.88	\$ 4,564.11
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,089.76	\$ 11,157.16
Emergency	\$	\$ 476.59
LOST	\$	\$ 11,683.64
TIF	\$	\$ 474.22
Debt Service	\$ 14,307.35	\$ 5,361.70
Capital Project-Wtr/Swr	\$ 12,002.20	\$
Water	\$ 8,974.47	\$ 9,539.92
Sewer	\$ 7,020.87	\$ 8,416.36