

**Casey Special City Council Meeting  
Community Building  
May 20, 2020**

The Casey City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, via teleconference due to COVID-19 according to Governor Reynolds recommendations. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Bret Wedemeyer, Stacy Wagner, Larry Chmelar, Rick Richter and Leland Acker were present; also present were City Clerk Gwen Blass, Public Works Director Jon Welker, and Attorney Clint Fichter.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. All rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Wagner to approve the agenda; all ayes.

Motion by Richter second by Acker to approve 5-4-20 minutes; all ayes.

Matt Wedemeyer was present to give a park committee update. There are several projects they are considering and will decide on once they have cost estimates. The park committee wishes to submit the grant application in the City's name. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to allow the Casey Park Committee to use the City of Casey's tax identification number to apply for a grant; all ayes.

Jon Welker discussed public works assistant requesting an additional increase in salary. Council felt giving him health insurance and making position full time was part of his compensation. Welker also would like to have a spare motor and pump on hand to use when he pulls a pump to clean it. There were three small leaks found in water lines. Jon will be gone on vacation June 20<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Richter second by Chmelar to approve Resolution #2020-15 Employee Compensation. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to approve purchase of a motor for well pump for approximately \$660.00; all ayes.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to approve Resolution #2020-16 Annual Fund Transfers of \$2537 from Emergency Fund to General Fund, \$12150 from LOST Fund to Capital Park Fund, and \$19850 from LOST Fund to General Fund. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Council discussed using remaining balance of loan to install a fence around dumpster with locks on the door at city hall to eliminate private individuals filling the dumpster. Lindberg will have quotes for ADA door openers for June meeting. Richter is concerned about wiring to install the door openers, would have to cut into the drywall. Remaining loan balance can be used for Essential Corporate Purposes. Blass provided council with an Iowa Code document explaining what falls in that criteria. Council asked Blass to find out if we can transfer a portion of the money into the water fund.

Motion by Chmelar second by Wedemeyer to approve independent contractor agreement for cleaning services; all ayes.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Wagner to open public hearing at 7:00 pm regarding loan agreements and sale of real property. Roll call vote; all ayes. There were no verbal or written comments. Motion by Acker second by Wedemeyer to close public hearing at 7:01 pm. Roll call vote; all ayes.

Council discussed issue of semis driving over water valve on edge of driveway located by Landus grain bins. Jon talked to Landus about using a different route.

Fichter updated council on loan status. Two applications have been submitted. The first was for sewer televising study in the amount of \$17,000 with a \$20,000 maximum, and the second was for full engineering studies with V & K in the amount of \$85,000 with a \$100,000 maximum. Discussion of executing a 3 year loan with 0% interest and tax exempt financing to allow for city expense reimbursements. Clint will proceed with filing needed opinion documents and complete paper work.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to adopt Resolution #2020-17 Entering into a loan agreement not to exceed \$20,000. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Richter second by Wagner to adopt Resolution #2020-18 Entering into a loan agreement not to exceed \$100,000. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Fichter will prepare a settlement statement for expenses and deed for the sale of real property to Tom Fagan. Motion by Wagner second by Richter to approve Resolution #2020-19 Sale of Real Property. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Richter asked about having Russell St. property checked for asbestos. Council agreed to have property checked and contact Mel Pins, IA DNR for funding.

Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 7:30 pm; all ayes.

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Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

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Gwen Blass, City Clerk