

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting  
Casey Community Building  
January 4, 2021**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Rick Richter, Stacy Wagner, Larry Chmelar, and Leland Acker were present; also present were City Clerk Gwen Blass, and Public Works Director Jon Welker. Attorney Clint Fichter arrived at 7:10 pm. Bret Wedemeyer arrived at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Richter second by Acker to approve the agenda; ayes - Richter, Wagner, Acker and Chmelar, absent - Wedemeyer. Motion by Richter second by Chmelar to approve the consent agenda including the, 12/7/20 & 12/28/20 minutes December bills and utility billing reconciliation; ayes - Richter, Wagner, Acker and Chmelar, absent - Wedemeyer.

Blass provided a written clerks report and informed council that Jan Tuffin resigned from the Library Board. Blass requested vacation leave for Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Acker second by Chmelar to allow Clerk Vacation for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February; ayes - Richter, Wagner, Acker and Chmelar, absent - Wedemeyer.

Welker provided the public works report. A used snow plow was purchased from IA DOT and has been mounted. Discussed brick road repairs, receipt of well operating permit, and possibly purchasing a newer dump truck in the next fiscal year.

Mayor Lindberg would like to appoint Leland Acker as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to appoint Leland Acker to act as Mayor Pro-Tem; all ayes. Lindberg would like to appoint Larry Chmelar to act as Elected Official Alternate and Bret Wedemeyer as Secondary Alternate for the Emergency Management Commission. Motion by Acker second by Richter to approve appointments of Larry Chmelar and Bret Wedemeyer as alternates for the EMA Commission; all ayes. Lindberg reminded council of the EMA budget meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Chmelar second by Acker to approve the independent contractor's agreement for John Stolk and present it to him for consideration; all ayes.

Steve Gilbert, Rural Housing 360 presented information regarding a housing program to assist employees of area businesses in becoming homeowner within Casey. Rural Housing 360 looks for available lots within the City to build housing while working with USDA to provide financing. Mayor Lindberg will look into what lots would be available, whether City owned or privately owned.

Jim Oberholtz, CWT Fire Association was present to request the installation of a 300 gallon gas barrel to be placed on the SW corner of the fire station. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to allow CWT Fire Association to have a gas barrel at the fire station; all ayes.

Discussion was held regarding a request by Doug Wedemeyer for an additional \$500 to be given to the Oakwood Cemetery in Fiscal Year 2022. Attorney Fichter explained that townships have a tax levy to cover township cemetery expenses and that currently Walnut Township only levies to cover \$1800 of expenses, however it is not illegal for a city to contribute. Blass helped explain the township levy process. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to contribute \$1500 to the Oakwood Cemetery in FY22 and discuss with them how to raise their tax levy to cover expenses for future years; all ayes.

Motion by Acker second by Richter to approve Resolution #2021-01 Employee Compensation. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Chmelar second by Wedemeyer to approve Resolution #2021-02 to set Public Hearing date of February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm for FY22 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Acker second by Richter to appoint Nick Lindberg to Landfill Board; all ayes.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to approve Resolution #2021-03 Annual Appointments. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Richter second by Chmelar to approve Resolution #2021-04 Bank Depository Designation & Signatures. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Acker second by Richter to approve Resolution #2021-05 to Amend Recognized Holidays in the Personnel Policy. Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Acker second by Richter to allow Blood Drive to use community building in 2021; all ayes.

Acker presented 2 demolition estimates for 705 Russell St. Discussed using the funds from community building loan, fund 301 to pay for demolition. Motion by Chmelar second by Wedemeyer to approve bid of \$9300 from Sunds Custom Fencing for the demolition of 705 Russell St house; all ayes.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to suspend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #2021-01 and to place said Ordinance on its final reading: Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to adopt Ordinance #2021-01 Amending code of ordinance provision pertaining to stops at intersections: Roll call vote: Richter, aye; Chmelar, aye; Wagner, aye; Acker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Chmelar second by Richter to approve a \$3.00 per 1000 gallons rate increase for water and sewer usage over 2000 gallon minimum. Changing current rate to \$8.00 per 1000 gallons over 2000 gallon minimum effective May 1, 2021; all ayes.

Discussion of the proposed FY22 budget was held. Richter asked if restitution revenue will remain the same. Attorney Fichter did not foresee a change and asked clerk to send him a copy of the restitution order. Council asked Fichter if legal fees budget was going to increase. Fichter stated his fees will not raise. Council would like to continue to have Leland Acker clean the visitor center.

No public forum.

Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 9:05 pm; all ayes.

ATTEST:

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Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

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Gwen Blass, City Clerk

December Claims

Salaries		\$ 9,162.89
IPERS		\$ 1,763.24
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,408.92
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 405.00
Collections Services	Child Support	\$ 276.92
IA Workforce Development	Unemployment	\$ 219.37
Acco Unlimited	Chemicals	\$ 2,433.77
Adair Co Landfill	Landfill Fees	\$ 1,491.00
Adair News	Publications	\$ 211.59
Agsource Laboratories	Sewer Test	\$ 764.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,059.38
Amazon	Books	\$ 262.02
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 322.22
Casey Post Office	Postage	\$ 94.00
Guthrie Automotive	Shop Supplies	\$ 7.29
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 395.48
Guthrie Co Vedette	Subscription	\$ 34.00
Guthrie Co Youth	Dues	\$ 30.00
Guthrie Welding & Rpr	Eq Rpr	\$ 698.88
Hawkeye Truck Eq	Plow Rpr	\$ 145.69
IA DOT	Snow Plow	\$ 1,324.71
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 21.60
IA Prison Industries	Signs	\$ 13.35
Jacobson's Inc	Wtr Rpr	\$ 119.00
Jim's Lawn Care	Weed Control	\$ 1,463.00
JP Cooke	Dog Tags	\$ 65.15
Kinze Service	Truck Rpr	\$ 164.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 81.20
Municipal Supply	Wtr Line Rpr	\$ 348.90
Payment Srv Network	Annl Srv Fee	\$ 89.00

Peasley, Sarah	Comm Bldg Cleaning	\$ 251.25
Petty Cash	Lib Postage	\$ 5.82
Schildberg Construction	Rock	\$ 685.09
Solutions	Computer/Tech Support	\$ 1,381.72
Stolk, John	Wtr Line Rpr	\$ 100.00
Stuart Herald	Publications	\$ 34.50
Stuart True Value	Shop Supplies	\$ 95.17
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
Varley, Ilah	Well Easement	\$ 4,500.00
Visa	Boot Allw/Supplies	\$ 324.82
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 5,957.96
Wex Bank	Gas	\$ 366.31

<b>Totals By Fund</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
General Fund	\$ 12,176.53	\$ 10,573.24
Library	\$ 1,643.44	\$ 161.74
Road Use	\$ 3,936.02	\$ 4,494.82
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,362.58	\$ 3,370.06
Emergency	\$	\$ 143.96
LOST	\$	\$ 3,323.52
TIF	\$	\$ 137.44
Debt Service	\$	\$ 1,619.07
Capital Project-Well	\$ 4,500.00	\$
Water	\$ 8,768.09	\$ 9,644.60
Sewer	\$ 6,251.01	\$ 8,750.02

#### **2020 Wages**

Clair Richter	\$ 570.00
Nicholas Lindberg	\$ 2,400.00
Bret Wedemeyer	\$ 510.00
Stacy Maas-Wagner	\$ 600.00
Timothy Knapp	\$ 28,996.40
Jon Welker	\$ 45,278.40
Charlsie Dougherty	\$ 1,392.47
Beverly Watson	\$ 852.89
Janon Douglas	\$ 1,565.75
Gwen Blass	\$ 36,619.02
Larry Chmelar	\$ 600.00
Leland Acker	\$ 600.00
Amber Proksa	\$ 6,196.44