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Dates to remember:



City Trick or Treat will  
be Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7



Casey Service Club will host Trunk or  
Treat on Sunday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch for  
more details.

Oct 2017

# A few words from Casey City Council...

This month the Council would like to provide you with a brief list of some of the many things they have done, are doing, and will be doing to help make Casey a better place. Please keep in mind that future projects and any dates shown may be tentative as they are dependent on factors outside of their control.

- ❖ Recently, we accepted an offer from the Iowa Department of Transportation to help pay 80% or up to \$1 million on replacing the Thomas Street farm-to-market bridge built back in the 1940s (the one southwest of the big grain shed). The other bridge that is nearing its life expectancy is the one immediately east of the main bridge leading to the interstate. Since this bridge is rarely used and no one is dependent on it, we are considering closing it down in the coming years, allowing a future council to possibly replace it if they get the funding, which we do not currently have. These bridges are still safe to drive over, so don't worry!
- ❖ We've had some people ask about how we draft ordinances and codes. Most of the time, our Council of Governments group, Region XII, which helps towns understand the scores of state and federal requirements, provides us with a "standard draft" used by a lot of other cities. We are then free to change certain parts of it to address our own unique situations. Other times, the City Clerk researches similar ordinances in other cities, drafts an ordinance, then has our City Attorney review it. Nowadays, it is legally challenging to draft our own without reference, regardless of the claim that, "The City never used to do that."
- ❖ Over the past few months, we have been meeting with our architects, SVPA, on the design of our new city hall and community center. These designs seem to be coming along nicely, especially since they have been able to create a design that matches our dream of having a city hall resembling an old train depot. In September, the small amount of asbestos contained in the two remaining buildings on that block was removed, and the buildings were later taken down during the September / October transition. **As of the best case scenario** timeline we were given, we plan to have public hearings on the design towards the end of this year, put the design out for bid around December / January, and hopefully have the building finished around September or October of 2018. As of the September architects meeting, we were already discussing finishes. We are nearing the end!  
**Disclaimer:** This timeline may be extended depending on certain factors outside of our control.
- ❖ Finally, some miscellaneous announcements:
  - We adopted a new Planning and Zoning map and ordinances due to the loss of our old ones in the fire.
  - Alliant Energy will be upgrading / rebuilding power lines for the southern half of town. Those affected will be sent a letter. If you do not receive a letter, your lines will be worked on at a later date.
  - Over the past year, we approved the necessary purchase and installation of new water plant controls and a new pump at our sewer plant to help ensure that we have reliable equipment at all times, as our old ones were having issues.
  - To date, 25 nuisances have been corrected.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask one of the council members.