

Casey Regular City Council Meeting
Casey Community Building
August 1, 2022

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Leland Acker, Rick Richter, Bret Wedemeyer, Theresa Schiller, and Rick Blake were present; also present was Public Works Director Jon Welker.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to approve the agenda after amending it to remove the consent agenda items until the next regular meeting and striking the McPherson Street sidewalk, curbs, and gutter item from the agenda; all ayes.

There was no Clerk's Report due to Blass's excused absence. Welker provided the Public Works Report. Welker informed the Council that he was waiting for return calls regarding street repair bids. One company told him that it is possible to spot-repair damaged asphalt while another company argued that we'd have to redo entire blocks at a time in order to prevent recurring damage, estimated at \$15,000 per block. Richter suggested looking into self-leveling caulk, which is used by the driveway industry, to seal cracks as a cheaper alternative. Miller's Plumbing informed Welker that they would come out on Thursday to finally repair the leak at the sewer plant. Welker and Knapp also found and repaired a large water leak, but they are continuing to hunt for more. Visu Sewer has completed their sewer lining work; they had to redo a section down by the sewer plant due to improper curing caused by excessive water.

Lindberg provided a verbal Mayor's Report. He gave the Council an update on Blass and her husband, stating she hoped to be back in the office on the 8th with modified hours. He thanked Public Works Assistant Tim Knapp for stepping up and helping with the office while Blass was out and Lindberg was sick. Lindberg updated the Council on the abatement of 1103 Wallace, which should be completed by the September meeting per an agreement between both parties and their attorneys. Richter pointed out a property with overgrown brush in the same area; Lindberg will investigate and address as needed.

Since no bids were received for the sale of real property (200 W Grant and 705 Russell), no public hearing was held. Motion by Richter and second by Blake to extend bid letting for the sale of real property until September 8th and publish the same ad in the 4-County Bulletin, the Exchange, Panora's newspaper, and Bayard's newspaper; all ayes.

Matt and Stacey Wedemeyer provided a Park Committee Update. They presented designs for the walking path, which includes removing dead and dying trees and filling in the large drainage ditch on the west side of the park along Russell Street. Wedemeyer presented a bid from Agri Drain for a drainage tube to go under the dirt being used to fill in the drainage ditch and asked the Council to pay for the tube. The dirt work was being donated. Motion by Schiller and second by Blake to pay \$11,307.92 for the drainage tube; all ayes. Council discussed possibly reworking the drainage tube and ditch that is on the west side of Russell Street; Lindberg advised the ditch and its connection were the property owner's responsibility per past precedent. No action was taken. Wedemeyer said he will be in town around August 15th to begin tearing down the dead and dying trees and asked the Council to close the playground and campground during the work for safety reasons. Motion by Bret Wedemeyer and second by Acker to close the park to all visitors and campers during work related to the park project and let the mayor order these closures; all ayes. Lindberg reminded everyone that before significant work can be done to any of the parks, the Council must first approve it since they are city properties; all parties agreed.

Lindberg brought up past issues with the city's policy of allowing indefinite extended camping, citing a past drug warrant raid, messy camping spots, strange late-night traffic, and safety concerns voiced by parents and children. Lindberg has already served a no payment warning to one of the two current indefinite campers. Matt Wedemeyer suggested the council consider ending camping at Rutt Park once the park project was completed; no action was taken. Motion by Bret Wedemeyer and second by Acker to restrict extended camping to a maximum of 14 camping days, effective immediately; all ayes. Lindberg stated that all campers are expected to pay in advance and to keep their areas clean, and that all campers are subject to one violation warning before being ordered to leave; the Council signaled this was acceptable.

Motion by Blake and second by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 7:50 pm; all ayes.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

Leland Acker, Mayor Pro Tem