

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Casey Community Building**  
**June 7, 2021**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at the Casey Community Building. Mayor Pro tem Leland Acker; Councilmembers Rick Richter, Stacy Wagner, and Larry Chmelar, Bret Wedemeyer arrived at 7:05 pm; City Clerk Gwen Blass, and Public Works Director Jon Welker were present.

Mayor Pro Tem Acker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All rose to say the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Chmelar second by Richter to approve the agenda; Ayes – Richter, Wagner, and Chmelar. Wedemeyer absent. Motion by Wagner second by Chmelar to approve the consent agenda including the 5/3/21 minutes and May bills and utility billing reconciliation; Ayes – Richter, Wagner, and Chmelar. Wedemeyer absent.

Karla Janning representing New Housing Development with Region 12 Council of Governments requested that the city council set a public hearing date for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program. Motion by Wagner second by Chmelar to approve Resolution #2021-15 to set date of public hearing for CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program for July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15; Roll call vote; ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, Wedemeyer. Motion passed. Janning provided an update regarding the status of the CDBG Housing Grant applications including a basic time-line once the application verification is complete. There has been 23 application requests, with 9 returned to be verified. The state has added the option to allow Cities of giving citizens access to a second program to serve more households for a total of 12 projects. The additional program would be for architectural barriers, for disabled or 62 years of age or older applicants. The Cities applicants can choose which program they would like to utilize. The City would be required to pay the additional \$100 per application verification. Motion by Richter second by Wagner to approve Resolution #2021-16 – CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program including Exterior Home Improvements Program and Architectural Barrier Removal Program; Roll call vote; ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer. Motion passed. Richter asked Janning to explain bid/work process. Applications will be accepted, bid letting will be done, contractors will bid on which ever house they are interested in working on, then Region 12 will select contractors and work will begin. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to approve the publication for the technical services for housing projects; Ayes – Richter, Wagner, Chmelar and Wedemeyer. Janning will contact City with number of verified applicants. Projected started date should be around August.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Chmelar to bring Disability Insurance off the table for discussion; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer. Robert Kreimeyer presented disability insurance information. Disability plan would cost of approximately \$170 per month for all employees. Council felt the current employee benefit package provided by the city is sufficient at this time. Motion by Richter second by Chmelar to not supply disability insurance for employees; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

Blass provided a written clerks report stating 23 applications for the CDBG grant were sent out. FEMA-Wind Storm payment of \$3403.08 was received with an additional \$ 226 for administrative costs available. Letters were sent to city attorneys with a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> to receive applications. Bridge inspections were done with no additional restrictions. Emails to Municipal Advisors were sent to 4 companies and all 4 responded. City wide cleanup cost was \$1619.60. Blass requested vacation. Motion by Chmelar second by Wedemeyer to approve vacation of June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

Welker provided the public works report informing council that the sewer plant had backed up, he had Dale Sheldahl use a jetter to clear the plug. Two days later it plugged again so the tank was emptied and cleaned. Jon and Tim are working on cleaning up the overflow with lime. A water leak was also reported over the weekend, so Jon had the phone company help with digging. The well rehab process has help with the old wells. Well #4 is running at full rate now. Jon presented a quote from VESSCO to replace media on all 3 filters. This expense could be paid with American Rescue Plan funds. Leak detection class went well and found some potential leaks. Stacy asked when street lines would be painted. Jon stated he planned to do it this week.

Mayor Lindberg provided a written report including possible community pride video contest, update on nuisances and an example of a city newsletter.

Motion by Wagner second by Wedemeyer to renew the Iowa DOT agreement for maintenance and repair of primary roads in municipalities; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

Council reviewed the four municipal advisor applications. Discussion was held regarding fees. Motion by Richter second by Wagner to hire Maggie Burger with Speer Financial Inc. as the Casey Municipal Financial Advisor; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

Annual employee compensation for FY22 were discussed. Welker asked council to consider a dollar per hour raise for his position. Council explained this was a cost of living increase for all 3 employees and would like to keep it equal with employees and that Casey operates on a limited budget. Richter stated that with the health insurance cost reduction and having employees with some longevity, he was not opposed to giving a raise. Motion by Chmelar second by Richter to increase salaries across the board to all employees at 4% effective July 1, 2021; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

City Attorney applicants have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to respond. No applications have been received to date.

Chmelar submitted his resignation from city council to move closer to family. Council expressed their gratitude for his service. Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to accept council member Larry Chmelar's resignation effective June 30<sup>th</sup>; Ayes - Richter, Wagner, and Wedemeyer, Abstain – Chmelar. Clerk will place council vacancy public notice in the newspaper.

Richter would like the council to consider cleaning up the old equipment and metal on city property. There is a rock box, oiler, and fork lift that is no longer usable. Clayton Salvage will come and get them if the city employees load it. Clayton Salvage will pay \$110.00 per ton to city. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Wagner to allow Clayton Salvage to haul old equipment & scrap iron to Clayton Salvage yard for the City of Casey; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

No public forum.

Motion by Wagner second by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 9:04 pm; Ayes - Richter, Chmelar, Wagner, and Wedemeyer.

ATTEST:

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Leland Acker, Mayor Pro Tem

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Gwen Blass, City Clerk

MAY CLAIMS REPORT

Salaries		\$ 7,928.23
IPERS		\$ 1,650.34
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,077.93
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 339.00
Collections Services	Child Support	\$ 276.92
Acker, Leland	Vst Ctr Cleaning	\$ 20.00
Adair Co. Landfill	City Cleanup	\$ 360.00
Advanced Laser Tech	Toner	\$ 495.80
Agsource Laboratories	Wtr/Swr Test	\$ 998.50
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 3,459.70
Amazon	Lib Books/Program	\$ 215.39
Blass, Gwen	Mileage/Supplies	\$ 80.98
Calhoun-Burns & Assc	Brdg Inspection	\$ 1,400.00
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 277.93
Guthrie Automotive	Eq Rpr	\$ 110.31
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 379.53
Hach Co	Chemicals	\$ 330.23
IA DNR	Water Cert	\$ 120.00
Insignia	Annl License	\$ 800.00
Jacobson's Inc.	Wtrline Mnt	\$ 139.85
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 13.80
Miller Plumbing & Htg	Water Heater Rpr	\$ 696.16
MTS Inc	City Cleanup	\$ 1,259.60
Panora Auto Parts	Chain Saw	\$ 743.92
Rolling Hills Bank	Loan Payment	\$ 14,307.65
S & L Water	Water	\$ 17.00
Stuart True Value	Park Supplies	\$ 16.87

Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
The Adair News	Publications	\$ 210.10
Visa	Reg Fees/Postage/WIX	\$ 755.87
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 5,957.96
Wex Bank	Gas	\$ 360.14

<b>Totals By Fund</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
General Fund	\$ 9,480.30	\$ 7,702.93
Library	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,713.86
Road Use	\$ 3,734.59	\$ 4,440.68
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,238.80	\$ 5,104.58
Emergency	\$ 138.35	\$
LOST-Streets	\$ 1,640.58	\$
LOST-Parks	\$ 1,640.57	\$
TIF	\$ 67.89	\$
FEMA-Wind	\$ 3,403.08	\$
Debt Service	\$ 1,550.82	\$ 14,307.65
Capital Project 305	\$ 12,911.94	\$ 23.08
Water	\$ 10,322.02	\$ 5,831.20
Sewer	\$ 8,869.65	\$ 5,735.19