

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Casey Community Building**  
**May 6, 2024**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024. Leland Acker, Mayor Pro Tem; Councilmembers Rick Richter, Rick Blake, and Theresa Schiller were present; also present were City Clerk Gwen Blass, Public Works Director Jon Welker, and Tim Knapp.

Mayor Pro Tem Acker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion by Richter second by Blake to move item #15 to be first item under new business and approve the agenda; Ayes- Richter, Schiller, Acker and Blake, Absent - Wedemeyer. Motion by Richter second by Blake to approve the consent agenda including the, 4/1/24 special and regular minutes, 4/22/24 special minutes, April bills, bank reconciliation, and utility billing reconciliation and Liquor License for Pioneer Pub & Grub; Ayes- Richter, Schiller, Acker and Blake, Absent - Wedemeyer.

Karla Janning from Region 12 Council of Governments presented an update regarding the property located at 105 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Casey, IA. Due to the property insurance policy being cancelled during the CDBG housing project, all work completed to the house before the fire was not covered by insurance. Per the Housing Programs Administrative Policy, any proceeds from the grant must have insurance. Due to the fire destroying the house a lien has been placed on the property in the amount of the \$24,999. Janning recommended having the City Attorney determine who has legal ownership of property. There are several options for the City to take; recapture the funds from the owner or forgive the amount of the lien if the owner will deed the property to the city so it can be cleaned up. Region 12 will assist in the paper work of either choice the City makes.

Motion by Schiller second by Richter to approve Resolution #2024-08 Transfer of TIF Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

Jordan Kappos from Veenstra & Kimm updated the council on the Water Main Project. CDBG funds have been awarded, environmental review is in progress, and plans are to put project out for bid at the June council meeting. Total estimated costs for all designated repairs are at \$748190, which is slightly over planned expenditures. Council designated E. Sherman St. and the Alley as alternates to help with costs. Motion by Richter second by Blake to approve Veenstra & Kimm’s Water Main Project proposal to be put out to bid; Ayes- Richter, Schiller, Acker and Blake, Absent - Wedemeyer.

Employee insurance renewals were discussed with Robert Kreimeyer present. Wellmark Enhanced Blue 3000 health coverage remains unchanged with a 4.45% increase in cost. Dental, vision and life had no change or increase. Kreimeyer discussed the Wellmark Enhanced Blue 3000 health plan and gave a comparison to similar United Health coverage. Since costs and coverage were very similar he did not see a benefit in changing coverage from Wellmark. Motion by Schiller second by Blake to renew Wellmark Enhanced Blue 3000 health insurance plan and the existing Blue Dental, Vision and Sun Life insurance plan; ayes – Richter, Blake, Schiller and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer.

Motion by Richter second by Schiller to approve Resolution #2024-10 approving Federal Aid Funding agreement with IA DOT. Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

Motion by Schiller second by Blake to approve Resolution #2024-11 to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

Council reviewed new Credit Card and Fuel Card policies required to be implemented by State Auditor’s office. Motion by Schiller second by Blake to approve Resolution #2024-12 approving the credit card policy. Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer. Motion by Blake second by Schiller to approve Resolution #2024-13 approving the fuel card policy. Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

Blass provided a written clerks report and informed council that the State Audit is complete, budget has been submitted, road sign package has been received, received a notice from EMC that deductibles and premiums will increase, and first draft of recodification of city code is complete.

Welker provided the public works report. Informed council that the water plant computer is not connecting to his phone for notification during off hours. HOA Solutions provided an estimate of \$3065 to update the software for required firewall protection. Welker also provided an estimate of \$1838 from Des Moines Winsupply for a new pump and motor for the wells. Clerk stated funds left over from new well can be used for these purchases. Motion by Blake second by Schiller to approve purchase of new pump and motor from Des Moines Winsupply for \$1838.16 and the upgrade for remote connectivity from HOA Solution for \$3065.00; Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

Mayor’s report was reviewed.

Council discussed the Library’s basement door. Richter inspected the metal door and frame and found it to be solid and the lock secure with no damage from the attempted entry. Richter did find that the gap needed addressed by installing a bulb weather strip to seal the door. Motion by Blake second by Schiller to install a bulb weather strip to the library basement door and notify the Library Board; Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

Fiscal year 2025 annual cost of living employee compensation was discussed. Acker would like to see Tim’s hourly rate brought up to \$21.00 per hour prior to cost of living raises due to his responsibilities. Motion by Acker second by Blake to raise Tim Knapp to \$21.00 per hour and give Tim Knapp, Gwen Blass, and Jon Welker a 5% cost of living raise effective July 1, 2024; Ayes – Schiller, Acker, and Blake. Nays – Richter. Absent – Wedemeyer. Motion passed.

Richter addressed curb and gutter on East side of McPherson St. Storm water is running into the cave under the sidewalk in several locations. Welker has attempted to patch with cold patch, but it is not a permanent fix. Council would like to discuss fixing sidewalk and curb and gutter with Colleen Conrad and David Bragg, property owners responsible for East sidewalk.

No public forum.

Motion by Richter second by Blake to adjourn at 9:03 pm; Ayes – Richter, Shiller, Acker, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer.

ATTEST:

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Leland Acker, Mayor Pro Tem

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Gwen Blass, City Clerk

April Claims		
Salaries		\$ 9,861.52
IPERS		\$ 1,948.61
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,481.88
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 284.82
Wellmark Health Ins.	Vision Ins.	\$ 12.78
ACCO Unlimited	Chlorine	\$ 1,119.90
Adair Co Auditor	Election Exp	\$ 14.57
Adair Co. Landfill	Landfill Fees	\$ 1,451.25
Agriland FS	Gas	\$ 351.82
Agsourc Laboratories	Water/Swr Test	\$ 1,435.75
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,377.36
Amazon	Supplies/Books/Supplies	\$ 168.52
Bavas, Ryan & Mikayla	Wtr Deposit Refund	\$ 57.07
Blass, Gwen	Mileage	\$ 285.09
Canon Financial Srv	Copier Lease	\$ 118.91
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 278.05
Dakota Supply Group	Wtr Line Rpr	\$ 432.37
Ed’s Lawn Equipment	Mower Mnt	\$ 99.00
Fagan Fencing	Dump Trk Batteries	\$ 450.00
Guthrie Automotive	Tools/Mower Mnt	\$ 122.79
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 487.69
IA Assn of Municipal Utilities	FY25 Dues	\$ 679.00
IMFOA	FY25 Dues	\$ 50.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 36.85
Olsen’s Outdoor Power	Mower Mnt	\$ 112.96
Petty Cash	Lib Program Supplies	\$ 66.40
Smith, Michael	Cleaning	\$ 300.00
Southwest IA Pest Control	Pest Control	\$ 168.00
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
The Adair News	Publications	\$ 448.91

The Law Shop	Atty Fees	\$ 132.00
Treasurer, State of IA	WET Tax	\$ 529.00
Visa	Software	\$ 10.69
Wallace Auto	Lawn Eq Rent	\$ 28.00
Wedemeyer, Doug & Judy	Wtr Deposit Refund	\$ 109.00
Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$ 220.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 6,479.16

<b>Totals By Fund</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
General Fund	\$ 55,712.83	\$ 10,241.61
Library	\$ 544.70	\$ 1,525.66
Road Use	\$ 3,803.33	\$ 2,977.54
Employee Benefits	\$ 24,636.15	\$ 4,763.71
Emergency	\$ 1,031.40	\$
LOST – Streets	\$ 1,748.08	\$
LOST – Parks	\$ 1,748.07	\$
TIF	\$ 2,441.45	\$
Debt Service	\$ 11,094.26	\$
Water	\$ 9,590.75	\$ 8,623.30
Sewer	\$ 8,883.17	\$ 6,956.72