

Casey Regular City Council Meeting
Casey Community Building
May 1, 2023

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the Casey Community Building. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Rick Richter, Bret Wedemeyer, and Leland Acker; City Clerk Gwen Blass and Public Works Director Jon Welker were present.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. All rose to say the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to approve the agenda with correction to line #8 to read FY21 Final Audit Report; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Schiller and Blake. Motion by Acker second by Richter to approve the consent agenda including the 4/3 and 4/18 minutes, April bills, bank reconciliation and utility billing reconciliation; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller.

Blass provided a written clerks report. Blass informed council costs included in the lien against the Draman property and that Bill Elgin is looking into putting an outside light on the community building and fixing the entryway heating units. Blass brought to council attention that the City Code is past due for recodification and requested to obtain bids from several sources. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to get bids from Region 12 COG and Simmering-Cory & IA Codification Co.; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller. Blass presented an email regarding traffic on W Hayes Dr. Council suggested installing a 25 mph speed sign to help slow traffic and that traffic will be routed West on 105th St. during bridge construction.

Welker provided the public works report, informing the council that the water tower is being cleaned and painted, Jon and Tim attended a water leak detection class, and that the street packer/roller was taken to get the starter fixed and will need a replacement engine, Jon will get quotes. Richter asked is Welker had gotten quotes for a tooth bar and said he would like them by next meeting.

Employee insurance renewals were discussed with Robert Kreimeyer present. Wellmark discontinued the City's current plan and recommended the Enhanced Blue 1500 plan with an 8.58% cost increase. Dental, vision and life had no increase. Kreimeyer discussed Blue 3000 health plan and gave a comparison of the current plan, Blue 1500 and Blue 3000. He felt the Blue 3000 coverage was similar with a slight higher deductible and coinsurance, but a slightly smaller price increase of 5%. Motion by Acker second by Wedemeyer to renew to Wellmark Enhanced Blue 3000 health insurance plan and the existing Blue Dental, Vision and Sun Life insurance plan; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller.

Council reviewed FY21 Final Audit Report. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to accept FY21 final audit report; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller.

FY24 annual cost of living employee compensation was discussed. Motion by Acker second by Wedemeyer to give a 4% cost of living raise effective July 1, 2023 to Welker, Knapp and Blass; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller. Council discussed giving a stipend for personal cell phone use. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to give a cell phone stipend of \$30.00 to public works department employees, Welker and Knapp, effective July 1, 2023; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller.

City Attorney Meggen Weeks joined the council meeting via telephone conference call to discuss resignation of Erin Hardisty and appointment of James Rowe as litigation co council. Motion by Acker second by Richter to appoint James Rowe as Litigation Co-Council for City Attorney and accept the new attorney fee contract for remainder of 2023; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller.

Council held discussion regarding Casey's Urban Renewal Area and certifying tax increment financing indebtedness. Clerk Blass explained the process of establishing debt by an internal loan agreement and approval of method to repay that debt with TIF revenue by transfer.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to approve Resolution #2023-08 Approving and authorizing transfer of tax increment funds for the fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2023; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Schiller and Blake. Motion carried.

Motion by Richter second by Acker to approve Resolution #2023-09 Authorizing an internal advance to tax increment revenue fund; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Blake and Schiller. Motion carried.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to approve Resolution #2023-10 Obligating funds from the urban renewal tax revenue fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriation tax increment financed obligations which shall come due in the next succeeding fiscal year; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Schiller and Blake. Motion carried.

No public forum.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to adjourn at 8:30 pm; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake and Schiller.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

Gwen Blass, City Clerk

APRIL CLAIMS REPORT

Salaries		\$ 9,403.48
IPERS		\$ 1,875.22
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,383.46
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 271.54
Wellmark Health Ins	Vision Insurance	\$ 12.78
ACCO Unlimited	Chlorine	\$ 411.80
Acker, Leland	Vstr Ctr Cleaning	\$ 20.00
Agri Drain	Lawn Mesh	\$ 654.10
Agsource Laboratories	Wtr/Swr Test	\$ 1,111.55
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,369.29
Amazon	Books/Supplies	\$ 1,005.58
Baker, David	Lib Program	\$ 175.00
Blass, Gwen	Mileage	\$ 79.32
Caltrider, Linda	Planting Fabric	\$ 14.41
Casey Flower Committee	Fertilizer	\$ 18.36
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 276.02
Central IA Distributing	Garbage Bags	\$ 62.00
Ed's Lawn Equipment	Mower Blades	\$ 135.00
Guthrie Automotive	Equip Rpr	\$ 436.39
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 421.60
Hall, Leroy	Deposit Refund	\$ 200.00
Huss, Jason	Shop Door Mnt	\$ 85.00
IA Finance Authority	Sewer Loan Principal	\$ 63,732.00
Jacobsen's Inc	Wtrline Rpr	\$ 38.22
Juelsgaard Fire Ind	Lib Fire Alarm Rpr	\$ 280.00
Junior Library Guild	Books	\$ 221.52
Kanopy Inc.	Lib Movies	\$ 66.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 34.11
Olsen's Outdoor Power	Mower Oil	\$ 177.93
RD McKinney Plumbing	Wtr Main Rpr	\$ 4,315.00
Region 12 COG	CDBG WasteWater	\$ 2,656.00
Sheldahl Plumbing & Htg	Well Pit Rpr	\$ 743.98
Smith, Michael	Cleaning	\$ 142.50
Southwest IA Pest Control	Pest Control	\$ 168.00
Stuart True Value	Wtr Plant Rpr	\$ 15.28
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
The Adair News	Publications	\$ 386.25
Treasurer, State of IA	WET Tax	\$ 527.18
Visa	Supplies/Oil	\$ 519.69
Wallace Auto Supply	Filter Wrench	\$ 23.58
Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$ 44.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 6,130.08
Wex Bank	Gas	\$ 373.56
Fund Totals	Revenue	Expenses
General Fund	\$ 47,355.42	\$ 8,780.88
Library	\$ 6,641.73	\$ 3,014.76
Flower Committee	\$	\$ 32.77
Road Use	\$ 3,724.39	\$ 2,672.33

Employee Benefits	\$ 22,007.79	\$ 4,524.17
Emergency	\$ 943.01	\$
LOST-Streets	\$ 1,303.18	\$
LOST-Parks	\$ 1,303.18	\$
TIF	\$ 9,335.05	\$
Debt Service	\$ 10,672.18	\$
Capital Project 305	\$ 2,656.00	\$ 66,388.00
Water	\$ 9,447.99	\$ 12,553.18
Sewer	\$ 9,429.30	\$ 6,110.15