

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Casey Community Building**  
**June 5, 2023**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the Casey Community Building. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Rick Richter, Bret Wedemeyer, Theresa Schiller, and Leland Acker; City Clerk Gwen Blass and Public Works Tim Knapp 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 Schiller to approve the agenda; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Blake. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to approve the consent agenda including the 5/1/23 minutes, May bills, bank reconciliation and utility billing reconciliation; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Blass provided a written clerks report. Blass requested vacation in July. Motion by Schiller second by Wedemeyer to approve Blass vacation for July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake. Library board requested to designate an additional handicapped parking space on the corner of McPherson and W Logan St. Motion by Schiller second by Richter to decline the request for the additional handicapped parking space due to limited parking; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake. Blass presented property liability insurance bill discrepancies to council. Explained issue has gone on for 3 billing cycles. Wedemeyer will look into getting bill corrected. Blass updated council on city wide cleanup day expenses, cost of a new tooth bar for bobcat, and CDBG Waste Water project will be finalized.

Mayor Lindberg informed council that Ben Stouffer collected sewer and water samples in Jon's emergency absence. Lindberg recommended paying his current, City of Stuart, hourly wage, plus a 2 hour call out if necessary. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to hire Ben Stouffer to fill in taking water and sewer samples during Jon Welker's absence at \$31.42 per hour; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake. Lindberg also presented quotes for a backup high service pump. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to approve the purchase of a high service pump from Manufacturers Edge for \$3,536.93; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake. Darrin Plowman was present to discuss sinkhole issue at the intersection of E Grant and Ellsworth St. Plowman explained there is possibly a storm sewer and culvert that is broken going into a box culvert under Grant St. and that the ditch running south of street is filled with sediment and will need to be cleaned out. Initial estimated of just uncovering the issue and cleaning out ditch will be around \$8800. Once it is opened will be able to estimate cost to fix the issue. Richter would like to have public works cut open road to lessen the cost. Motion by Acker second Richter to have public works cut open an 8' hole to see what the issue is at intersection of E Grant and Ellsworth St before hiring Plowman Earthmoving; ayes – Richter and Acker, nays – Schiller and Wedemeyer, absent - Blake. Motion failed due to tie. Motion by Schiller second by Wedemeyer to hire Plowman Earthmoving to cut into street and do what needs done to repair hole and ditch; ayes – Wedemeyer, Schiller and Acker, nays – Richter, absent – Blake. Lindberg expressed concern about dip in edge of E Logan St.

Jay Meier with Blacktop Services Co was present to discuss repairing and sealing roads in Casey. Will meet with Tim to determine which roads to prepare a bid on. Motion by Acker second by Schiller to have Blacktop Service Co. bid street & crack repair for up to 20 locations; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Brenda Dudley, Midwest Partnership presented a request for support contribution in the amount of \$500. Motion by Schiller second by Richter to approve FY24 contribution of \$500 to Midwest Partnership; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Olivia Patton representing Veenstra and Kimm Inc. updated the council on the Water Main Project. Planning and Design Loan application deadline is July, CDBG application deadline is September. Patton presented an engineering contract for approval. Once agreement is signed, Veenstra & Kimm will begin submitting the required paperwork for the application process. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to approve the engineering agreement for 2024 design of water main project, to allow Veenstra & Kimm to start planning & design loan application; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Motion by Richter second by Schiller to approve Resolution #2023-11 setting compensation for officers and employees for fiscal year 2024; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Blake. Motion carried.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to approve Resolution #2023-12 Establishing employee health insurance carrier; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Blake. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiller second by Wedemeyer to approve Region 12 COG CDBG Wastewater Final GAX #12; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Casey Public Library board met and would like to give the Librarian a raise of \$1.00 per hour effective May 17, 2023. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to approve Resolution #2023-13 setting compensation for the Library employee; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Blake. Motion carried.

Wedemeyer received a complaint regarding rental of community building and set up of the event. Wedemeyer would like to let people use the building for free the day before the event if not rented. Richter stated that if the building was rented by different parties on consecutive days that everyone would not be able to have the same opportunity of using the building. Acker felt that if people wanted to bring food into the kitchen, the city could charge a lesser fee for the kitchen only. Richter also discussed electrical outlets blowing the breakers when multiple roasters are used, and is concerned about safety/liability issues of giving the public keys to access the maintenance room to reset the breakers. Council would like key stored for city staff to have access to reset the breakers and have an electrician wire another electrical outlet and breaker for kitchen. Motion by Acker second by Wedemeyer to charge \$10 for kitchen only use the day before the community building is rental, no setup allowed; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Blake. Richter wants motion amended so that everyone can use the kitchen in advance even if the building is being rented that day. Motion by Richter second by Acker to amend previous motion to allow fridge use to all renters if events are held back to back; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Stacey Wedemeyer would like permission from the council to remove the wooden playground equipment at Rutt Park due to safety hazards. Park committee is planning to replace it with newer equipment. Motion by Schiller second by Wedemeyer to dispose of the wooden playground equipment at Rutt Park; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Robert Zimmer would like to donate a .12 acre piece of property to the City of Casey that lies on the south side of Casey. Motion by Richter second by Schiller to table donation of Robert Zimmer property parcel #0203201004 until July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting; ayes – Richter, Schiller, Wedemeyer, and Acker, absent – Blake.

Motion by Richter second by Acker to approve Resolution #2023-14, a joint resolution with Adair County to establish a speed limit for a portion of West Hayes Street; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Blake. Motion carried.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to approve Resolution #2023-15 to transfer funds; Roll call vote: Ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker. Nays – None. Absent – Blake. Motion carried.

Richter asked about nuisance notice, Lindberg state 14 letters have been sent.

No public forum.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to adjourn at 8:50 pm; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Blake.

ATTEST:

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Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

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Gwen Blass, City Clerk

MAY CLAIMS REPORT

Salaries		\$ 9,548.30
IPERS		\$ 1,901.79
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,409.30
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 272.05
Wellmark Health Ins	Vision Insurance	\$ 12.78
ACGC School	Flowers	\$ 57.00
Adair Feed & Grain	Lawn Seed	\$ 660.00
Agsources Laboratories	Wtr/Swr Test	\$ 1,682.65
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 3,592.68
Amazon	Books	\$ 195.82
Anita Supply Center	Ladder	\$ 229.99
Calhoun-Burns & Assc	Bridge Prelim Design	\$ 6,665.60
Canon Financial Service	Copier Lease	\$ 93.91
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 286.94
Cose, Janet	Flowers	\$ 20.89
Guthrie Automotive	Mower Mnt	\$ 6.68
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 380.51

Hydro Optimization	Tech Support	\$ 75.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 20.70
Insignia	Annl License	\$ 800.00
K & A Removal	Dumpster Rent	\$ 1,375.00
Kanopy Inc.	Lib Movies	\$ 6.00
Kingery, Leora	Flowers	\$ 88.10
Kinzie Service	Pickup Rpr	\$ 373.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 65.53
Panora Fiber	Lib Computers	\$ 5,009.55
Pigs Unlimited	Swr Plant Mnt	\$ 87.50
Rolling Hills Bank	Loan Prin & Int	\$ 14,307.35
Smith, Michael	Cleaning	\$ 112.50
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Test	\$ 108.00
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
The Adair News	Publications	\$ 203.93
Visa	Supplies/Postage	\$ 563.92
Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$ 110.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 6,130.08
Wex Bank	Gas	\$ 126.68
TIF Transfers	Interfund	\$ 23,715.12

<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
General Fund	\$ 11,802.88	\$ 8,576.97
Library	\$ 363.50	\$ 7,348.84
Flower Committee	\$ 7.50	\$ 165.99
Road Use	\$ 4,126.71	\$ 2,614.56
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,326.59	\$ 4,553.04
Emergency	\$ 142.53	\$
LOST-Streets	\$ 2,078.10	\$
LOST-Parks	\$ 2,078.09	\$
TIF	\$ 716.47	\$ 23,715.12
Debt Service	\$ 1,560.38	\$ 14,307.35
Capital Fund 303 Park Proj	\$ 13,500.00	\$
Capital Fund 304 McPherson	\$ 8,795.12	\$
Capital Fund 308 ARP	\$	\$ 6,665.60
Water	\$ 10,518.84	\$ 6,284.21
Sewer	\$ 9,550.27	\$ 7,122.63