

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

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Theresa Schiller, Rick Richter, Rick Blake, Bret Wedemeyer and Leland Acker were present; also present were City Clerk Gwen Blass, and 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 Acker to approve the agenda; all ayes. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to approve the consent agenda including the, 12/5 and 12/14 minutes, December bills, bank reconciliation, and utility billing reconciliation; all ayes.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Blake to approve Region 12 COG Exterior Home Improvement Program GAX #4; all ayes.

Motion by Richter second by Acker to accept the City Attorney Contract renewal including rate increase to \$220.00 per hour for Meggen Weeks and Erin Hardisty; all ayes.

Council discussed request from Larry Johnson to remove water fee and tax from his December utility bill due to only 1 day of use during billing cycle before leaving for the winter. Motion by Schiller second by Richter to remove \$37.10 water fee and tax from Larry Johnson's December 1, 2022 utility bill; all ayes.

Blass provided a written clerks report and discussed responses from Dorsey & Whitney regarding balance of community building loan, and from Iowa cities regarding the Ultraviolet System for the sewer discharge. Blass explained that the process to utilize the Statewide Offset Program was not fully completed when previous clerk set up an account with the state. Casey is required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Statewide Offset Program in order to submit debt claims for reimbursement. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Statewide Offset Program, and to designate the City Clerk as the authorized representative to submit offset debt claims for the City of Casey; all ayes. Blass also requested to have the public works supervisor proceed with getting bids for the rehabilitation of the third well to use the remainder of the ARP money. Motion by Acker second by Wedemeyer to proceed with getting bids for the rehabilitation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final old well; all ayes. Blass informed Council that she was not needed to testify for the Kuster hearing. Blass requested vacation leave for Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Welker provided the public works report. Informed council that the IA DNR inspection of the Water Treatment Plant passed, he is still finding and fixing water leaks, and that Guthrie Co. REC informed the City that the communication tower located at the well site is too close to the power lines and will need to be relocated. Welker contacted well communication people and a work order to relocate tower has been placed. Jon requested to attend the annual water meeting in Des Moines on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Richter to allow Jon to attend the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> IRWA conference in Des Moines and pay registration fees and two nights of lodging; all ayes. Jon purchased a new well pump to have on hand.

Mayor Lindberg would like to appoint Leland Acker as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to appoint Leland Acker to act as Mayor Pro-Tem; ayes – Wedemeyer, Schiller, Richter, and Blake. Abstain - Acker. Lindberg would like to appoint Bret Wedemeyer to act as Elected Official Alternate and Leland Acker as Secondary Alternate for the Emergency Management Commission. Motion by Blake second by Richter to approve appointments of Bret Wedemeyer and Leland Acker as alternates for the EMA Commission; ayes – Blake, Richter, and Schiller. Abstain – Acker and Wedemeyer.

Fiscal year 2024 budget discussion was held. Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to approve Resolution #2023-01 to set Public Hearing date of February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Roll call vote: ayes – Wedemeyer, Schiller, Acker, Richter and Blake. Motion passed.

Motion by Acker second by Blake to approve Resolution #2023-02 Annual Appointments. Roll call vote: ayes – Wedemeyer, Schiller, Acker, Richter and Blake. Motion passed.

Motion by Richter second by Schiller to approve Resolution #2023-03 Bank Depository Designation & Signatures. Roll call vote: ayes – Wedemeyer, Schiller, Acker, Richter and Blake. Motion passed.

Blake Michelsen submitted an offer to the City of Casey to become a nuisance officer for \$50 per hour/8 hours per week. Blake would not be able to act in a law enforcement capacity while performing these duties. Motion by Acker second by Wedemeyer to decline offer from Blake Michelsen as a nuisance and ordinance officer; all ayes.

Sale of the medical center mobile home was discussed. City Attorney informed council that no public hearing is necessary to proceed with selling the building since it is not "real property". Motion by Schiller second by Wedemeyer to advertise the city will be taking sealed bids for the sale of the medical center mobile

home including the stipulation that it is removed from city limits within six months of sale. Bids due February 28<sup>th</sup>; all ayes.

Public forum: Matt Wedemeyer provided a letter in his absence requesting the council to consider waving sewer fees from the Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> utility bill due to a large leak. Council will place item on February agenda. Bruce Riddle introduced himself and expressed his interest in becoming more involved with the city.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to adjourn at 8:37 pm; all ayes.

ATTEST:

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Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

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Gwen Blass, City Clerk

December Claims

Salaries		\$ 9,823.89
IPERS		\$ 1,915.44
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,524.38
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 414.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Vision Ins.	\$ 12.78
IA Workforce Development	Unemployment	\$ 138.72
Acker, Leland	Cleaning	\$ 20.00
Agsource Laboratories	Water/Swr Test	\$ 944.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 4,781.80
Amazon	Lib DVD	\$ 20.19
Blass, Gwen	Mileage	\$ 16.88
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 285.39
Guthrie Automotive	Plow Battery	\$ 482.45
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 362.40
Guthrie Family Med Center	LP Reimb.	\$ 578.20
Guthrie Welding & Rpr	Sand Trk Rpr	\$ 236.86
Hawkeye Truck Equip	Plow Springs	\$ 106.00
High Tide Technologies	Annl Comm Fee	\$ 360.00
IA DOT	Salt	\$ 1,075.38
IA Financial Authority	Swr Loan Payment	\$ 3,196.12
Imperial Reliance	Gas	\$ 1,066.37
Jacobson's Inc	Wtr Rpr	\$ 268.86
Kanopy Inc	Lib Movies	\$ 14.00
Kness Repair	Plow Truck Rpr	\$ 336.05
Magill, Lisa	Vst Ctr Rent Refund	\$ 50.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 63.44
Payment Srv Network	Annl Srv Fee	\$ 89.00
Petty Cash	Lib Book Reimb	\$ 20.00
Plowman Earthmoving	Rutt Park Drainage Mnt	\$ 7,200.00
Smith, Michael	Comm Bldg Cleaning	\$ 142.50
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Test	\$ 108.00
Stuart True Value	Swr Plnt Mnt/Batteries	\$ 69.09
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
The Adair News	Publications	\$ 239.33
The Law Shop	Atty Fees	\$ 180.00
Treasurer, State of IA	WET Tax	\$ 602.46
US Postal Service	Box Rent	\$ 108.00
Utility Services	Standpipe	\$ 2,007.54
Veenstra & Kimm	Eng Fees	\$ 1,973.75
Visa	Postage/Plow Parts	\$ 807.37
Wallace Auto	Packer Rent	\$ 60.00

Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$ 20.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 6,130.08

**Totals By Fund**

	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
General Fund	\$ 10,857.16	\$ 10,867.28
Library	\$ 1,448.10	\$ 1,580.78
Road Use	\$ 3,898.33	\$ 2,940.30
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,396.86	\$ 4,507.03
Emergency	\$ 145.55	\$
LOST – Streets	\$ 2,201.66	\$
LOST – Parks	\$ 2,201.66	\$ 7,200.00
TIF	\$ 1,477.85	\$
Debt Service	\$ 1,649.61	\$
Capital Project-Waste Water	\$ 1,974.71	\$ 1,973.75
Water	\$ 10,666.53	\$ 9,657.65
Sewer	\$ 9,642.06	\$ 10,183.39

**2022 Wages**

Clair Richter	\$ 420.00
Nicholas Lindberg	\$ 2,400.00
Bret Wedemeyer	\$ 390.00
Timothy Knapp	\$ 37,743.92
Jon Welker	\$ 48,258.93
Gwen Blass	\$ 48,334.46
Leland Acker	\$ 450.00
Amber Proksa	\$ 1,695.04
Theresa Schiller	\$ 390.00
Richard Blake	\$ 420.00
Patricia McKinley	\$ 7,085.92
Leah Becker	\$ 1,330.81