

**Casey Regular City Council Meeting
Casey Community Building
February 6, 2023**

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023, at the Casey Community Building. Mayor Nicholas Lindberg; Councilmembers Leland Acker, Rick Richter, Rick Blake, and Theresa Schiller; and Public Works Director Jon Welker were present. Bret Wedemeyer arrived at 7:13 pm.

Mayor Lindberg called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. All rose to say the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Schiller second by Richter to approve the agenda; ayes – Richter, Blake, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer. Motion by Richter second by Blake to approve consent agenda including 1-5-23 minutes, January bills, bank reconciliation, and utility billing reconciliation; ayes – Richter, Blake, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer.

Motion by Acker second by Blake to open public hearing for FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars at 7:10 pm; ayes –Richter, Blake, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer. No written or oral comments were received. Motion by Schiller second by Blake to close the public hearing at 7:12 pm; ayes – Richter, Blake, Schiller, and Acker, absent – Wedemeyer.

Motion by Schiller second by Acker to adopt Resolution #2023-04 Approving FY2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Roll call vote; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, Acker, and Blake. Motion passed.

Motion by Richter second by Wedemeyer to approve Resolution 2023-05 Setting Date of Public Hearing for FY24 Annual Budget for March 6, 2023 at 7:15 pm at the Casey City Hall. Roll call vote; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, Acker, and Blake. Motion passed.

Motion by Schiller second by Acker to approve Resolution 2023-06 Annual Operating Transfer of Funds. Roll call vote: Roll call vote; ayes – Richter, Wedemeyer, Schiller, Acker, and Blake. Motion passed.

Cory Schaefer and Gorgonio Jimenez approached the Council with their desire to clean up 404 East Sherman St. and turn the property into a storage unit complex. Lindberg informed them that the property sits outside city limits and that they would need to work with Guthrie County to rezone and develop it. Schaefer indicated his strong desire to help strengthen Casey by providing new storage units and beautifying any properties he acquires. He inquired about several other properties along Hwy 6 and asked the Council if they were supportive of his idea to provide new storage units. The council was supportive and appreciative of his willingness to seek the city's input.

Lindberg informed the Council that the clerk's report was included in their packet as Gwen was on vacation. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to apply for the Midwest Partnership's Summer Youth Internship Grant; all ayes.

Welker gave the public works report. The new high service pump was installed, and he is very happy with it. He can now pump from both the new well and the old #4 well as the water plant can now keep up with both. The pumps work for 3 hours and then rest for 2 hours; other cities' public works directors say this is a good balance. The water plant is still pumping 52,000 to 55,000 gallons of water a day; Welker's target is around 30,000 gallons a day. Assistant Tim Knapp noticed the water pumps were cavitating, indicating a leak in a pump or a nearby pipe; the leak was found and fixed with no apparent pump damage. The water depth inside the city's wells remains at 6 feet, nearly half of what it was when the new well was drilled. The decrease is attributed to the current drought conditions. Welker is going to 'pig' the main water line between the wells and the water plant to keep the pipe clean.

Councilmember Richter was excused at 7:36 pm to respond to a fire call.

Mayor Lindberg gave his report. He is now the vice chairman of the Adair County Landfill. He attended the Adair Co. Assessor's Conference Board budget meeting. The current assessor will be retiring and the Board has moved to begin the replacement process. Lindberg will be attending the Guthrie Co. Assessor's Conference Board budget meeting on Wednesday. He expressed his concern with the continued hiking of both assessors' salaries, which are nearing \$80,000/year in both counties. Lindberg relayed a request to add rock to the gravel portion of West Oak and Kelsey. Council suggested adding rock and asking Guthrie Co. to grade it once the weather and melting conditions were more favorable. Director Welker will do so when conditions allow.

Motion by Blake second by Acker to adjust \$246.38 in January sewer fees for the Froelich utility account due to a water leak; ayes – Schiller, Acker and Blake, Absent – Richter, Abstain – Wedemeyer.

Motion by Blake second by Acker to adjust \$369.60 in February sewer fees for the Froelich utility account due to a water leak; ayes – Schiller, Acker and Blake, Absent – Richter, Abstain – Wedemeyer.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Blake to adjust \$224.00 in February sewer fees for the Nolte utility account due to a water leak; ayes – Schiller, Acker, Wedemeyer and Blake, Absent – Richter.

Motion by Schiller second by Wedemeyer to enter into an agreement with Calhoun-Burns & Associates for professional engineering services for the Thomas Street Bridge replacement; ayes – Schiller, Acker, Wedemeyer and Blake, Absent – Richter.

Motion by Wedemeyer, second by Schiller to enter into an agreement with Calhoun-Burns & Associates for the 2023 Bridge Inspection Program; ayes – Schiller, Acker, Wedemeyer and Blake, Absent – Richter.

Clerk Blass left a note informing the Council that the area banks are offering special CD interest rates. Currently, the city’s \$26,245.00 Sewer CD at Adair’s Exchange State Bank is earning 0.3% interest for 12 months, maturing in April 2023. Withdrawing early to take advantage of the higher interest rates would accrue a penalty of \$78.74. The area offers are as follows—Adair’s Exchange State Bank: 3.94% interest for 13 months (totaling \$1,120.21); Atlantic’s Community 1st Credit Union: 4.25% for 12 months (totaling \$1,115.41), Casey’s Rolling Hills Bank: 3.75% interest for 11 months (totaling \$902.22), and Guthrie Center’s People’s Bank: 4% for 8 months (totaling \$699.85). Motion by Schiller second by Acker to withdraw the Sewer CD early, pay the \$78.74 penalty fee, and reinvest it at 3.94% interest for 13 months at Adair’s Exchange State Bank; ayes – Schiller, Acker, Wedemeyer and Blake, Absent – Richter.

No public forum.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Schiller to adjourn at 8:00 pm; ayes – Schiller, Acker, Wedemeyer and Blake, Absent – Richter.

ATTEST:

Nicholas Lindberg, Mayor

Leland Acker, Mayor Pro Tem

JANUARY CLAIMS REPORT

Salaries		\$ 9,438.25
IPERS		\$ 1,881.65
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$ 2,389.70
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 271.91
Wellmark Health Ins.	Vision Ins.	\$ 12.78
Acco Unlimited Corp	Liquid Chlorine	\$ 416.40
Acker, Leland	Vstr Ctr Cleaning/Supplies	\$ 60.06
Advanced Laser Tech	Lib Toner	\$ 549.80
Agsource Laboratories	Swr/Wtr Test	\$ 776.25
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$ 6,243.20
Amazon.com	Books/DVDs	\$ 132.31
Caliber Concrete	SW Curb/Gutter	\$ 8,617.00
Canon Financial Srv	Copier Lease	\$ 187.82
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$ 280.58
Crystal Clear Water	Water Test Supplies	\$ 31.50
Des Moines Winsupply	Well Pump	\$ 1,839.04
Don’s Radiator Service	Snow Plow Rpr	\$ 1,719.00
Grainger	Wtr Plant Heater	\$ 696.50
Guthrie Automotive	Snowblower Rpr	\$ 613.12
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$ 465.23
Guthrie Co Times Vedette	Subscription	\$ 34.00
Guthrie Welding & Repair	Snowblower Rpr	\$ 147.22
Hilton Des Moines	Lodging	\$ 311.47
IA One Call	Locates	\$ 17.10
IA Pump Works	Pump Replacement	\$ 2,940.52
IA Rural Water Assn	Reg Fees	\$ 355.00
Jacobsen’s Inc	Wtr Line Rpr	\$ 311.45
Kanopy Inc.	Movies	\$ 18.00
Martin Flag Co.	Flags	\$ 301.54
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$ 34.88
Municipal Supply	Water Meters/Supplies	\$ 2,547.45

Panora Auto Parts	Chainsaw Parts	\$ 53.98
Region IIX COG	CDBG Housing Rehab	\$ 16,287.00
Schildberg Construction	Rock	\$ 330.76
Sheldahl Plumbing & Htg	Shop Furnace Rpr	\$ 113.22
Smith, Michael	Comm. Bldg. Cleaning	\$ 262.50
Storey Kenworthy	Forms	\$ 1,055.97
Stuart True Value	Water Supplies	\$ 51.98
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$ 59.46
SW IA Pest Control	Pest Cntrl	\$ 159.00
The Adair News	Publications	\$ 363.45
The Stuart Herald	Publications	\$ 50.40
Treasurer, State of IA	WET & Sales Tax	\$ 1,157.39
US Postal Service	Postage	\$ 1,004.00
Visa	Software/Supplies	\$ 19.57
Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$ 40.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$ 6,130.08
Westrum Leak Detection	Wtr Leak Detection	\$ 795.00
Wex Bank	Gas	\$ 107.53

Totals By Fund	Revenue	Expenses
General Fund	\$ 2,843.74	\$ 15,865.63
Library	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,264.46
Road Use	\$ 3,292.83	\$ 5,700.01
Employee Benefits	\$ 101.41	\$ 4,538.37
Emergency	\$ 4.34	\$
LOST-Streets	\$ 1,629.11	\$ 2,872.34
LOST-Parks	\$ 1,629.11	\$
TIF	\$ 44.09	\$
Debt Service	\$ 49.26	\$
Capital Proj. Fund 306	\$	\$ 4,779.56
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Water	\$ 10,059.98	\$ 12,364.07
Sewer	\$ 10,067.78	\$ 7,010.58