

**Notice**

Casey Regular City Council Meeting, Casey Community Building, March 2, 2026

The Casey City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026. Mayor Bruce Vorm; Councilmembers Jennifer Penton, Rick Blake, Cody Sheeder and Leland Acker were present; also present were City Clerk Gwen Blass, and Public Works Jim Chandler and Tim Knapp. Bret Wedemeyer arrived at 7:05 pm.

Mayor Vorm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All rose to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Acker second by Penton to approve the agenda; Ayes – Sheeder, Penton, Acker and Blake; Absent - Wedemeyer. Motion by Blake second by Penton to approve the consent agenda including the, 2/2/26 and 2/5/26 minutes, February bills, bank reconciliation, and utility billing reconciliation; Ayes – Sheeder, Penton, Acker and Blake; Absent - Wedemeyer.

February Claims		
Salaries		\$11,459.72
IPERS		\$2,284.87
FICA	Federal Withholding	\$3,137.32
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$371.36
Wellmark Health Ins.	Vision Ins.	\$38.34
Acker, Joan	Vst Ctr Cleaning	\$20.00
Agsource Laboratories	Water/Swr Test	\$793.50
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$6,120.27
Amazon	Supplies	\$384.83
Anita Supply	Bulbs	\$8.69
Blass, Gwen	Mileage Reimb	\$20.30
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc	Eng Fees Bridge	\$2,414.00
Canon Financial Service	Copier Lease	\$93.91
Casey Mutual Telephone	Phone	\$271.94
Guthrie Co REC	Utilities	\$469.71
I-80 Enterprises	Power Washer Rpr	\$7.49
IA One Call	Locates	\$36.00
IMFOA	Dues	\$50.00
Kingery Sign	Speed Warning Sign	\$117.70
Kinzie Service	Pickup Rpr	\$435.00
Midwest Office Tech	Copy Fees	\$70.83
Oakwood Cemetery	FY26 Donation	\$1,500.00
Petty Cash	Lib Postage	\$4.25
Rogers, Beth	Lib Supply Reimb	\$12.32
Second Street Auto	Pickup Transmission Rpr	\$3,681.63
Sheldahl Plumbing & Htg	Well Rpr	\$317.78
Smith, Michael	Comm Bldg Cleaning	\$165.00
Sun Life Ins	Life Ins	\$93.30
The Adair News	Publications	\$172.72
Treasurer, State of IA	WET Tax	\$614.40
Visa	Software/Reg Fees/Postage	\$1,363.46
Wallace Auto	Pickup Rpr	\$65.97
Weeks, Meggen	Atty Fees	\$325.00
Welker, Jon	Affidavit Fees	\$500.00
Wellmark Health Ins.	Hlth Ins	\$3,749.92
Totals By Fund	Revenue	Expenses
General Fund	\$19,057.93	\$27,118.80
Library	\$14,637.85	\$1,741.13
Road Use	\$3,019.69	\$3,942.35
Employee Benefits	\$81.81	\$3,515.47
Emergency	\$	\$281.37
LOST – Streets	\$1,710.23	\$2,414.00
LOST – Parks	\$1,710.22	\$16,153.00
TIF	\$11.52	\$
Debt Service	\$5.78	\$
Water	\$10,574.09	\$8,799.83
Sewer	\$8,632.74	\$8,270.95

Motion by Acker second by Penton to approve Resolution #2026-05 to Set the Public Hearing date 3/25/26 at 6:00 pm for the FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy; Roll call vote: Ayes – Acker, Sheeder, Penton, and Blake. Absent – Wedemeyer. Motion passed.

Motion by Acker second by Blake to close McPherson, Logan and Grant Streets on June 20th for the Truck Show; Ayes – Sheeder, Penton, Acker and Blake; Absent - Wedemeyer.

Jordan Kappos, Veenstra & Kimm Inc. presented two quotes for the potential addition to the water project. Low bid was received by Max Smith

Construction at \$60,200 for a 4" main on E Hayes. There is a possibility that the project could be changed to a 1" service line for a reduced cost of \$34,280. A change order can be done once the project is started. There will be approximately \$10,000 in additional engineering fees to complete this project with the E Hayes addition. Motion by Wedemeyer second by Blake to accept bid from Max Smith Construction of \$60,200; All Ayes.

Motion by Acker second by Penton to set Saturday, May 2nd from 6:00 am to 12:00 noon for Casey Citywide Cleanup Day and to hire K & A Removal LLC to provide roll off dumpsters; All Ayes.

Blass provided a written clerks report. Blass contacted Russ Zitek to remove scrap iron and mobile home located at 801 Ellsworth. Hearing for 300 E Grant property was held and waiting on Judges ruling. Audit is complete except for exit conference, with very minimal findings. An issue with Library Betterment being given revenue from the City Library was brought to the State Auditors attention while counting library cash drawer. Blass explained to council that the Betterment is a private entity that is formed to raise money to help fund some Library expenses. Auditor stated it is highly unusual for them to take funds from the library instead of giving the Library funds. Council would like to have Library Board attend next council meeting for discussion. The IMFOA annual spring training is April 15th – 17th in Des Moines for continuing education credits. Motion by Blake second by Penton to allow Clerk to attend the IMFOA spring training meeting in Des Moines on April 15th – 17th; All Ayes.

Chandler provided the public works report and informed council that he continues to do maintenance on equipment and that he has asked Zeb from IA Rural Water to be present to help explain the issues at the water plant. The metal on the filters at the water plant is eroding and needs addressed before it starts to leak. Jordan Kappos stated that a study was

done on upgrading needs at the water plant at the same time the Water Main study was done and could provide the report with the findings. He can also arrange for an engineer to come out to make an assessment/plan and provide that report for the next council meeting. Motion by Blake second by Penton to have a Veenstra & Kimm Inc. engineer come out to assess extent of what needs repaired at water plant and provide an estimate; All Ayes.

Mayor Vorm reported he would like to have the city attorney send an abatement letter for cleaning up property at 606 Wallace St. since we have received no response from property owner.

Public Forum – Trish Whetstone spoke on behalf of the Casey Flower Committee. Would like access to water for planter watering and requested assistance with purchasing several trees. Eric Whetstone spoke on behalf of the Casey Service Club informing council of several tentative events including Downhill Derby Race and a Movie night. Brenda Dudley with Midwest Partnership presented information on the Hometown Pride program. She is looking to enlist 6 to 9 towns to start the project. Cost is \$20,000 per year, so would need each city to contribute approximately \$2,500 per year. These funds would hire a project coach to assist each City come up with and organize city improvement projects and apply for grants.

Jordan Kappos also update the council regarding the Waste Water Project that has a compliance deadline of December 2028. Casey will need to do a study before the end of 2026 to determine our need to be in compliance with IA DNR. Pumping sludge out of lagoon would increase the life of our sewer plant and lagoon.

Motion by Wedemeyer second by Acker to adjourn at 8:12 pm; All Ayes.

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