

## **CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**

June 14, 2021

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 14, 2021 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Patricia Des Jardins at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville City Hall, 6767 Main, in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: John Tait, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Todd Talaski, Kenneth Rathje and Mayor Patricia Des Jardins.

Clint Braun arrived at 5:34p.m.

Absent: None

Others present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk, Dena Withey, Treasurer, Kyle Romzek, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, DPW Supt.

### **SET AGENDA:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Ignash to set the agenda as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to convene a public hearing regarding the FY 2022 Budget and Millage Rate. **5-0 Approved.**

A Hearing for public input on the proposed FY 2022 budget and the supporting millage of 16.0750 mils.

Presentation of the proposed budget, FY 2022;

Public Comments

Jamie Learman informed the Council about the addition of the truck, that was ordered in March. Since it doesn't appear that it will be in before the end of June, it was added to this budget.

Talaski commented that this was the same millage.

### **Correspondence**

None

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m. and resume the Regular Business Meeting. **5-0 Approved.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: John Tait, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Todd Talaski, Kenneth Rathje and Mayor Patricia Des Jardins.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

### **INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:**

**RESOLUTION #2021-19, BUDGET AMENDMENT**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to increase FY 2021 budgeted expense items totaling \$138,300 (attached). **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-20, INVOICES**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to approve invoices paid through June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$154,925.42. (attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

Clint Braun arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Oakwood Senior Citizen Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission, Advisory Water Board, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn and Election Commission. Troy Hartz talked

about repairs at the water plant and said they were very busy. Ken Rathje talked about the contracts that were presented from the Employee Relations committee. Jamie Learman talked about the increased cost of the “environmental fee” from Emterra, the proposed liability insurance renewal and the contracts to be presented later. He was asked to present the cost and a proposed rate increase for garbage services at next month’s meeting.

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to file the Reports as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

James Smith talked about smashed beer cans in the Independent Bank parking lot. He said he was glad to see the farmer’s market doing well.

Louis Johnson asked about the Riverside Park. He also said the school’s garden club may be able to help with Main Street cleanup efforts.

Diana Kessler said the marina area looks great and she is glad to see the City is being competitive with other communities. She would like to see us continue to grow. She spoke about the State still working remotely and said she knows of people that want to volunteer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #2021-14**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to approve budgeted transfers for the FY 2021 3rd Quarter in the amount of \$58,013.01. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Talaski to adopt the application for property tax exemption form for the assessor to use. (attached) **6-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve the F.Y. 2022 Police Department roster as presented. (attached) **6-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Tait second by Ignash to reappoint Teresa Calkins to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term ending 7/2024. **6-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Rathje to reappoint Dena Withey to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term ending 7/2024. **6-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-21**, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Ignash to adopt the Fee Schedule for FY 2022 as presented. (attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-22**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to adopt the budget for FY 2022 as presented and to set the General Operating millage at 16.0750 mils to support the budget. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-23**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Braun to accept the budget for FY 2022 from the DDA Board of Directors; to set the DDA General Operation millage at 1.4326 mils. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-24**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to renew the Liability/Property/Vehicle insurance proposal with EMC insurance for FY 2022. (attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-25**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Talaski to adopt the poverty exemption guidelines for 2021. (attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2021-26**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Braun to approve the employment agreement between Terrence Kelly and the City. (attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-2 (NAY- Tait & Talaski).**

**RESOLUTION #2021-27**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to approve the employment agreement between Amy Haag and the City. (attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Louis Johnson asked about the vault toilets at the Breakwall.

Deb Estep asked if they were going to stay.

James Smith asked why Terry Kelly isn't addressing blight. He thanked those involved in getting the park gate open. He also said we should get rid of the vault toilets and informed Troy the flag got knocked off of the fire hydrant by his house.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Talaski said the county is accepting offers to remodel the friend of the court offices, they renewed the animal control contract and are still looking into countywide recycling.

Tait thanked Talaski for getting the park gate open.

Ignash said he agreed with Tait.

Braun thanked Talaski regarding the gate.

Rathje thanked the fire department for help with the flagpole rope at the cemetery that broke over Memorial Day weekend.

Des Jardins thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk

Patricia Des Jardins, Mayor

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