

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 10, 2025 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to order by Mayor Christopher Stahl at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville City Hall, 6767 Main St., in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Rathje, Jacob Kretschmer, John Tait, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Jeffrey Hervert and Christopher Stahl (Mayor). **Others Present:** Jamie Learman, City Manager, Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, D.P.W. Supervisor.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Tait to amend the agenda and add a motion to add 24 hours per week in part-time coverage, until the Police Committee has time to review the budget. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to set the agenda as amended. **6-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Council Meeting as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2025-15, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through March 6, 2025, **Total \$331,645.77.** **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Oakwood Senior Citizens Housing, the Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn., and the Park and Recreation Committee. Hartz talked about the EPA study being back on. He met with EGLE to discuss the water issues and a sampling plan. He told the Council the sewer force main project is set to begin the 24th of March. Jamie Learman talked about the projects at the Riverside Park. Chief Hopkins stated Tennant's FTO is over and stated Shanty Days went well.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Caseville American Legion thanking the city for donating to the Senior Meals Program
Tiffany Ofeimu requested alcohol exemption for bike tours/trolley/quadracycle (Referred to Ordinance Committee)
Caseville Chamber of Commerce 2025 events request
Fleis & Vandenbrink recommendation of award for boat launches

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Michael Muscat commented about the trolley being able to travel to the beach, if they were allowed to have alcohol. James Smith said he doesn't think alcohol on the trolley is a good idea. He thanked the Council for the donation to the Legion and stated we should add more police because we have issues with speeding through town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Ignash to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to host the 1st Annual Caseville/Saginaw Bay Power Boat Run at the Caseville Resort and Marina on August 22 through August 24, 2025. This request also exempts American Custom Marine-Kimball from the vendors fee to sell shirts during this event. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct the "Market on Main" on Saturday's from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. May 24 through October 4, 2025 at the Main Street Park, excluding Cheeseburger weekends. This would also include closing Pine St. from Main St. to Prospect St, only when additional vending spaces are needed. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct its annual "Trash & Treasure Days", May 22 through May 26, 2025. This excludes participants from garage sale permit requirements for this sale. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request for the 3rd Annual Caseville Cruise Night on May 31, 2025. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Kretschmer to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Annual Caseville Country Ribstock Festival on June 27 through June 29, 2025. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Kretschmer to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the Fireworks on July 5, 2025. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Cheeseburger in Caseville events August 8 through August 17, 2025. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Ignash to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Pumpkin Festival September 20, 2025. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Witches Walk on October 25, 2025. They are requesting street closure during this event on Main St. **5-1 (Rathje Nay) Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to add 24 hours per week of part-time police coverage, until the Police Committee has the opportunity to review the budget. **6-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2025-16, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to accept the bid from Dufty's Excavating LLC for \$157,708.57 to construct the boat launches at Riverside Park, after approval of the bids from the Michigan DNR. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-17, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to approve the agreement with SAFEbuilt Michigan LLC, on an interim basis, to conduct the plumbing inspections for the city until a permanent plumbing inspector can be hired. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-18, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to submit Congressional Direct Spending applications for water system replacements and repairs and commit to a 20% match of any grant funds received through these programs. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Muscat asked if there was an ordinance to prohibit alcohol consumption in public, why allow the trolley.

Scott Maust said Thumb Area Transit was building a new facility that will be paid for with state and federal funds.

He said the Road Commission is seeking funding to build a new building.

James Smith said open alcohol for the trolley is a bad idea and he was happy to hear people are wanting to work police shifts.

Lou Johnson commented that the trolley doesn't travel more than 5 m.p.h. when under pedal power.

Raymond Quiel supports \$30,000 for additional police coverage.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Kretzschmer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**



Jamie Learman, City Manager



Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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