

## **CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 14, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The April 14, 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 (Arrived at 5:45 p.m.), 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 Sprague second by Ignash to amend and set the agenda adding a resolution for a Charter Amendment Proposal. **5-0 Approved**

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved**

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

**RESOLUTION #2025-19, TRANSFERS, ROLL CALL**, by Tait second by Ignash to approve the 3rd Quarter Budgeted Transfers in the amount of **\$62,608.14**. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2025-20, INVOICES, ROLL CALL**, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through April 10, 2025, **Total \$237,238.19**. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

Written reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwoods Senior Citizen Housing, Advisory Water Board, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc., Ordinance Committee and the Police Committee. Troy Hartz said the crew has started the force main. The new generator is coming soon for the low-lift. We sold the old one via an online auction site. EPA and EGLE are working on the water study. Jamie Learman talked about bids received for the streets, a charter amendment proposal and Riverside Park's progress. Chief Deborah Hopkins stated one of their vehicles is in the shop and they have a ride-along starting soon.

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Kretschmer to file the Reports as presented. **5-0 Approved**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Presentation of preliminary FY 2026 Budget

Request for reduction of vending fees from St Roch's Church

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - (Agenda Items Only)

Michael Muscat stated he is representing St Roch's Church for the Chicken BBQ request, if anyone has any questions. Wendy Waldrep stated that the data given to EPA & EGLE don't seem to matter. Troy said they have to do a study. Matthew Kehn introduced himself as the new ambulance director for Scheurer Hospital.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(Rathje arrived 5:45 p.m.)

**RESOLUTION #2025-21**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to approve the Sick Time Policy for Part-Time Employees. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2025-22**, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Rathje to exempt the American Legion Auxiliary from the vendor fees to conduct their Poppy Program on May 3, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written permission from the property owners was provided to the Police Chief. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2025-23**, ROLL CALL, by Ignash second by Kretzschmer to award the bid of \$256,707.52 to Ace-Saginaw Paving Co. for the paving of Grand Ave., State St., Cross St., Cherry St. and Nancy St. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2025-24**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve a reduction of vending fees for St. Roch's Church to \$100 for their annual Chicken BBQ on August 10, 2025. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2025-25**, ROLL CALL, by Ignash second by Sprague to propose an amendment to the Charter of the City of Caseville regarding Regular and Special Elections and the length of elected term for the Mayor and City Council. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Michael Muskat gave a shoutout to Jeffrey Hervert for his participation in the road cleanup and John Tait for his assistance with a sewer issue. Muscat was concerned about debris on the beach at Point Park and the water levels at the mouth of the river. He thought the Harbor Commission should add another board member.

Scott Maust said the county declared May Motorcycle safety month and they are working on a battery ordinance. He suggested the city review its ordinance for solar and battery.

Louis Johnson asked about election costs.

Jamie Learman said the Harbor Commission has been in contact with the Army Corp regarding the mouth of the river. This area is under the Army Corps' jurisdiction. He explained the Harbor Commission has their own rules they follow and the city does not fund them.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Tait asked Troy about State St.

Rathje apologized about being late.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Kretzschmer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. **6-0 Approved**



Jamie Learman, City Manager



Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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