

**CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The May 11, 2022 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Christopher Stahl at 3:35 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: Darin Sprague, Todd Talaski, John Tait, Kenneth Rathje and Mayor Christopher Stahl. Absent: Clint Braun & Jerald Ignash. Others present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk and Troy Hartz, DPW Supt.

**SET AGENDA:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Talaski to set the agenda as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Talaski second by Tait to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

**INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:**

**RESOLUTION #2022-16, INVOICES, ROLL CALL**, by Talaski second by Tait to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through May 5, 2022, Total \$156,296.85. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville D.D.A., Oakwood Senior Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn. and Police Committee. Troy Hartz said the DPW work truck came in. He also said they are working on filter blocks at the plant, the Scada program and they installed a new flow meter. He was told the generator they want is 34 weeks out after order. Jamie Learman discussed a grant application to the U.S.D.A. Rural Development for a new police patrol vehicle. This grant request is for \$21,400. The City will contribute \$17,572 and any cost overruns. Several board members commented on this U.S.D.A. program and how beneficial it has been to the City in the past. Learman also asked the board to set meetings to discuss future water, sewer & garbage rates.

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to file the Reports as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jim Smith advised the board to set the rates higher than they need to be, so we have enough money to cover costs. He asked that the minutes to meetings be posted quicker on the City's website.

Clyde Campbell said everyone's budgets are bad and it's only going to get worse.

Emily Witherspoon said the board should do what it has to do to keep the budgets in line.

Patricia Atwood said the City needs to do something to monitor the dump. There are a lot of people that don't have property in town using the facility.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jamie Learman presented the FY 2023 preliminary budget.

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to reappoint Marc Hill to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term expires 4/2026. **4-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Talaski second by Rathje to reappoint Eric Yeager to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term expires 4/2026. **4-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Tait second by Rathje to reappoint Jill Rogers to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term expires 4/2026. **4-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Rathje to appoint Robert Newton to the Caseville Harbor Commission, term expires 11/2023. **4-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2022-17**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Talaski to approve the employment agreement with Deborah Hopkins for the position of Police Chief through December 31, 2024. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2022-18**, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Talaski to purchase a generator for the water plant from W.W. Williams at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2022-19**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Talaski to accept the preliminary budget for F.Y. 2023; to set a Public Hearing during the June 13, 2022 Council Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. for review of the proposed F.Y. 2023 City Budget AND to set a proposed ad valorem General Operation millage of 16.0750 mils. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2022-20**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to accept the preliminary budget for F.Y. 2023 from the DDA Board of Directors and to set a DDA Public Hearing Date of June 13, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. for review of the proposed F.Y. 2023 Budget AND to set a proposed ad valorem General Operation millage of 1.4326 mils. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2022-21**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to re-shingle the pavilion at Divincentis Park, at a cost not to exceed the FY 2022 available budget funds for that park. This bid will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder once the City receives up to three bids. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2022-22**, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Tait to reduce the vending fee for RU Red E? Ministries Chicken BBQ to \$100.00 for a one-day vending permit on May 28, 2022. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jim Smith said he was glad to be back, congratulated Chris Stahl on his victory and said the board made a good choice for police chief.

Clyde Campbell congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

Robert Pillsworth congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

Emily Witherspoon said she was proud and congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

Patricia Atwood congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

Troy Hartz congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Talaski congratulated Deborah Hopkins and said he plans to get with Troy Hartz to see how they can make leaf pick up better.

Tait said they chose that leaf loader because it was faster at the time.

Sprague congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

Rathje congratulated Deborah Hopkins.  
Stahl congratulated Deborah Hopkins.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. **4-0 Approved.**

Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk

Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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