

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 12, 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, Jerald Ignash, John Tait, Darin Sprague, Jeffrey Hervert and Christopher Stahl (Mayor). **Absent:** Jacob Kretzschmer. **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 the agenda as presented and add a resolution to reduce the vending fees for Traci Ens. **5-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Ignash to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2025-26, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Ignash second by Rathje to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through May 8, 2025, totaling \$556,532.21. **Roll Call Vote approved 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwoods Senior Citizen Housing, and the Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. Troy Hartz talked about the ongoing sewer projects. The force main work in town is almost done, and the pumps are scheduled to be here around the middle of June. Jamie Learman spoke about the preliminary budget that was submitted. Kenneth Rathje talked about the review of the current budget for police part-time. Chief Hopkins talked about attempts to merge the police department with the township and a ride-along starting next week.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber of Commerce letter regarding Witch Crafters Art Market.
Chamber of Commerce letter regarding Dolly Parton Event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Ray Quiel thanked the Police Committee for finding the funds to keep part-time officers patrolling. He also said the Historical Society is considering hosting a Dolly Parton memorabilia exhibit during the event in July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Ignash to reappoint Amy Redwantz to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term ending 4/2029. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Ignash to reappoint Kevin Stachowiak to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term ending 4/2029. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Ignash to appoint Gerald Dekker to the Planning Commission, term ending 9/2027. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the Chamber of Commerce request to hold a Witch Crafters Art Market, at Wooded Island, on October 25, 2025 from noon to 4 p.m. **4-1 (Rathje-Nay) Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Ignash to approve the Chamber of Commerce request to host a Dolly Parton event on July 26, 2025. They are requesting the closing of Pine St. from Main to the Parking Lot entrance from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2025-27, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to accept the preliminary budget for F.Y. 2026 from the DDA Board of Directors and to set a DDA Public Hearing Date of June 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. for review of the proposed F.Y. 2026 Budget AND to set a proposed ad valorem General Operation millage of 1.4326 mils. **Roll Call Vote approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-28, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to accept the preliminary budget for F.Y. 2026; to set a Public Hearing during the June 9, 2025 Council Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. for review of the proposed F.Y. 2026 City Budget AND to set a proposed ad valorem General Operation millage of 16.0750 mils. **Roll Call Vote approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-29, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to allow Traci Ens to host an event at 6815 Main St. on May 31, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with up to three food vendors at a reduced cost of \$100 each. **Roll Call Vote approved 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jason Krueger asked about the attempted police merger.

Traci Ens thanked the council.

Michael Muskat questioned why there was no report from the Harbor Commission.

Louis Johnson talked about the improvements at Jade's Closet on Main St. through a DDA Façade Grant.


COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Sprague said he was happy summer is finally here.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Ignash to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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