

## **CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 10, 2024**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 10, 2024 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:**

**Roll Call – MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth Rathje, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, John Tait, Jeffrey Hervert, Jacob Kretschmer and Christopher Stahl (Mayor). Others Present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk, Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor.

### **SET AGENDA:**

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Rathje to hold a Public Hearing regarding the FY 2025 Budget. **6-0 Approved.**

A Hearing for public input on the proposed FY 2025 budget and the supporting millage of 16.0750 mils.

Presentation of the proposed budget, FY 2025;

Public Comments – Henry Ranke asked about the RV Park's sewer charges and James Smith said the city should increase the rates for everyone more to put money away for future issues.

Correspondence – None

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. and resume the Regular Business Meeting. **6-0 Approved.**

**Roll Call – MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth Rathje, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, John Tait, Jeffrey Hervert, Jacob Kretschmer and Christopher Stahl (Mayor).

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Council Meeting as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

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

**RESOLUTION #2024-29, AMENDMENTS, ROLL CALL**, by Sprague second by Ignash to amend the FY 2024 budget as presented. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-30, INVOICES, ROLL CALL**, by Tait second by Rathje to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through June 6, 2024, Total \$194,854.33. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

### **REPORTS:**

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Citizens Housing, Advisory Water Board and the Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn. Troy Hartz spoke about the need for another generator at the low-lift. He said the Kubota mower broke down and has been fixed and they are waiting on the Breakwall and City Hall lots to be striped. Jamie Learman mentioned that Steve Louwers was in last August about shooting the fireworks from the city beach near the Breakwall. All members were in favor of this, but wanted to make it official.

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to allow the fireworks to be held at the city park. **6-0 Approved.** Chief Hopkins informed the board that the new patrol car was finished.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Travis Elenbaum letter asking to be appointed to the DDA.  
Scheurer Health ambulance subsidy letter.  
Nietzke and Faupel, PC FY 2024 audit engagement letter.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

James Smith asked where the mower was repaired at. He stated the council needs to think about adding another full-time police officer, have the police write more citations and continue to police the golf carts on River St. April Ranke complained about the kids roller blading on River St. and the traffic that will be created with the new RV Park on Michigan St.

Henry Ranke thanked the DPW for getting the 25 m.p.h. sign up on River St. He talked about the parking issues along River St. and that we should make them move their RV's further away from River St.

J. Scott Maust introduced himself and told the council he was running for County Commissioner.

Patricia McKinley suggested handing out the golf cart ordinance to the businesses. Chief Hopkins said they hand them out to people driving carts and Darin Sprague told her to call the police when she sees problems.

Wendy Waldrep said she would help pass out the golf cart rules to users.

Michael Muscat also thought the city should fund an additional officer.

Louis Johnson asked when the Riverside Park Projects would start.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Ignash to approve the 2024 Police Department roster as presented. (Attached) **6-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Tait to appoint Travis Elenbaum to the DDA., term ending 4/2028. **6-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve the Council Committee list. (Attached) **6-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-31**, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to adopt the Fee Schedule for FY 2025 as presented. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-32**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to adopt the budget for FY 2025 as presented and to set the General Operating millage at 16.0750 mills to support the budget. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-33**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to accept the budget for FY 2025 from the DDA Board of Directors; to set the DDA General Operation millage at 1.4326 mills. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-34**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to renew the Liability/Property/Vehicle insurance proposal with EMC insurance for FY 2025 at a cost of \$78,730. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-35**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the MDOT Category B Grant Application for \$86,250 in road funds. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-36**, **TABLED** to approve the payment to Scheurer Hospital of \$5,216 for the ambulance subsidy.

**RESOLUTION #2024-37**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to authorize the check signing list for the City of Caseville. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-38**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the audit engagement letter from Nietzke & Faupel, PC to conduct the FY 2024 audit at a cost not to exceed \$14,600. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

James Smith talked about the weed issues in town and asked about the police cadets. He suggested opening First St. all the way through to help with traffic on River St.

Dominic Sevilla asked about the road grant.

Henry Ranke asked about the traffic light at Michigan St.

Jason Krueger asked about a police reserve program.

Louis Johnson stated that if the Chamber doesn't want the Market on Main during Cheeseburger, then they shouldn't have it.


**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Tait second by Ignash to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**

  
Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk

  
Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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