

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The June 9, 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, Jacob Kretzschmer, Jeffrey Hervert and Christopher Stahl (Mayor). Sprague arrived at 5:37 p.m. 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 Hervert to set the agenda as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Kretzschmer to convene a Public Hearing regarding the FY 2026 Budget and Millage Rate. **5-0 Approved.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

A hearing for public input on the proposed FY 2026 budget and the supporting millage of 16.075 mils. Changes to the budget versus FY 2025 were discussed by Jamie Learman.

Public Comments

Correspondence- None

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Kretzschmer to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:34 p.m. and resume the Regular Business Meeting. **5-0 Approved.**

Roll Call

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MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2025-30, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Tait to amend the FY 2025 budget as presented. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-31, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Kretzschmer to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through June 5, 2025 totaling \$814,966.51. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0. (Sprague arrived 5:37 p.m.)**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Caseville Harbor Commission, Advisory Water Board, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. and the Police Committee. Troy Hartz talked about meeting with the engineers on the water study. He said the force main project will be wrapping up in a couple of weeks, the company installing the sewer pumps started today and paving of streets has been pushed back to mid-July. Hopkins talked about the quadricycle riding through town with open intoxicants. She also said the ride-a-long is doing well, the hearing on the Cherry St. property has been delayed until June 26th and

she thought the car cruise was dangerous. Ignash mentioned some complaints he had and things he heard. Hopkins said the department wrote two tickets during the car cruise and she would address the other issues with patrol.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Brew Moon request for reduction of vending fees

A letter was received and read from resident Elaine Talaski regarding the car show and police

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Michael Klaiber talked about his food truck request and the need on busy weekends.

Jan Prill said she was there to answer any questions regarding the packet she gave council a few weeks ago.

Michael Muscat asked why the trolley was still operating if they were allowing alcohol. He thinks the hours are an issue. He thought the car cruise was wonderful. He hopes it continues, but is worried about safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Kretschmer to approve the 2025 Police Department roster as presented. (Attached) **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to appoint Louis Johnson to the Oakwood Housing Commission., term ending 6/2030. **6-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2025-32, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Ignash to adopt the Fee Schedule for FY 2026 as presented. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-33, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to adopt the budget for FY 2026 as presented and to set the General Operating millage at 16.0750 mills to support the budget. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-34, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to accept the budget for FY 2026 from the DDA Board of Directors; to set the DDA General Operation millage at 1.4326 mills. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-35, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to renew the Liability/Property/Vehicle insurance proposal with EMC insurance for FY 2026 at a cost of \$80,801. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-36, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Kretschmer to approve the audit engagement letter from Nietzsche & Faupel, PC to conduct the FY 2025 audit at a cost not to exceed \$19,500. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-37, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve Brew Moon to host an event on July 3 & 4, 2025, which will include up to 2 food trucks at a cost of \$100 per day per food truck. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Klaiber thanked the council.

Louis Johnson asked about the docks at the Riverside Park and how we plan to power them.

Jason Krueger asked about the "road" behind the businesses that is the Marina Property.

Linda Sarigiannis asked about the handicapped accessible chair and accessible mat. She said we need to plant more trees and thinks political signs should be removed.

Scott Maust said the harbor is a safe harbor and Army Corps is trying to find funding for dredging. Samples were conducted this spring, so it's unlikely we get dredging this year. The \$800,000 mentioned in the papers is to study the need for a second wall.

Michael Muskat asked about finding money for police and the possible merger between the city and township police.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**



Jamie Learman, City Manager



Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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