

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING – July 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 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, Jerald Ignash, Jeffrey Hervert, Darin Sprague and Christopher Stahl (Mayor).
Absent: John Tait & 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 Rathje to amend and set the agenda, adding a resolution to reduce the vending fees for Old Barn Motorcycle Shop. **4-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2025-38, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve FY 2025 4th Quarter Budgeted Transfers in the amount of \$52,198.08. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-39, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the FY 2025 Expense Budget Amendments of \$39,700. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-40, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Rathje to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through July 10, 2025 totaling \$1,734,965.91. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc., DPW Committee and the Employee Relations Committee. Troy Hartz talked about the completed sewer force main and a water main break on Emerich St. The discoloring of the water has started and the engineers are conducting sampling. Chief Hopkins said there were no major problems during Ribstock or the fireworks.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the Caseville Chamber of Commerce regarding 50/50 raffle in August.
Request for exemption from vending fees from Justin Fahrenbruch & Jeffery Kramer.
Lemon Tree Marketplace requesting garbage receptacle on their side of Main St.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Louis Johnson said there was a DDA meeting tomorrow and he would bring up the need for the trash can.
Patty McKinley asked which houses were being sampled. Hartz said it was a random selection.
Clyde Campbell didn't understand the need for a trash can in front of Lemon Tree and complained about the chairs out on the sidewalk.
Robert Pillsworth wanted more information on the churches. He was not in favor of this event during Cheeseburger.
Wendy Waldrep thought this had been approved already. It has not.
Michael Muscat asked if there had been an Ordinance Meeting yet to discuss vending fees. There has not been.
Deb Estep said she was selected for testing and they told her if there is an issue they would call her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve the Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 50/50 raffle on August 13, 2025. **4-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2025-41, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to donate \$1,000 to the Caseville Historical Society for F.Y. 2026, as allowed by State of Michigan Act 213 of 1957 (MCL 399.171). **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-42, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to donate \$3,000 for F.Y. 2026 to the Caseville Chamber of Commerce for its Independence Day festivities. (Fireworks) **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-43, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Hervert to appoint Leo McArdle to lead operator/crew leader of the water plant, effective July 17, 2025. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-44, ROLL CALL, by Ignash second by Sprague to reduce the vending fees to \$100 per day per vendor, for Justin Fahrenbruch and Jeffery Kramer, for vending at Wooded Island during Cheeseburger. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-45, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to approve a reduction of the vending fee to \$200 for the two-day event of vending and entertainment, August 2 & 3, 2025, at Wooded Island, for Old Barn Motorcycle Shop, with proceeds from the event being donated to the Huron County Veterans Affairs. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.** (Dave Gretremonti, organizer, stated no alcohol under tent, Sat 10a-10p & Sun 8a-7p)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ignash spoke about a member of the Chamber of Commerce getting a citation for talking on cellphone while driving. Chief Hopkins stated people have been texting/intimidating the officers about tickets.

Jason Krueger asked about vending outside of his restaurant.

Samantha Schnettler presented a flyer for Planning & Zoning class in September.

Patty McKinley asked about implementing a registration program for golf carts and side by sides.

Clyde Campbell commented he doesn't use Facebook.

Robert Pillsworth asked about "colors" at the event. Organizer said no "colors" or patches allowed. He commented that there are so many people getting pulled over. 20 years ago police were running people out of town with tickets. Ambulance and "bikers" are driving too fast through town.

Wendy Waldrep said she has heard complaints about police. They are more negative than ever. She commended Officer Howard.

Michael Muscat commented on difference of vending fees. Sprague said the church also got a break and the veterans are different.

Debra Estep introduced herself and asked for votes for council seat.

Jamie Learman disagreed with Pillsworth's statement. As police chief then he stated they weren't writing a lot of tickets and running people out of town as Pillsworth stated.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:


Rathje commented that if he got a ticket, then it's his fault.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Ignash to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. **4-0 Approved.**



Jamie Learman, City Manager



Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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