CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 8, 2025 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Rathje 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: Jerald Ignash, John Tait, Jeff Hervert, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje (Mayor Pro Tem). Absent: Jacob Kreetzschmer and Mayor Christopher Stahl. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager, Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor and Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Ignash to set the agenda as presented. 4-0 Approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 Council Meeting with corrections of the spelling of Michael Muscat's name. **4-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2025-48, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through September 4, 2025, totaling \$1,652,624.47. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Oakwood Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission, Advisory Water Board and Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. Troy Hartz said they are near completion of the sewer lift station project and he met with the engineers regarding the latest water samples and he hopes a solution will be in place soon. Jamie Learman said applications for absentee ballots were sent out for the November 4th election. Chief Hopkins said there were no problems during Cheeseburger even without the assistance of the state police.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber request to have food trucks for the witches walk Historical Society Car show Michael & Kathy Ross reference trash bins by the road Jim Pidcock & Cindy Turner reference trash bins by the road

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Cindy Turner spoke about her letter and asked that the board review the trash bin ordinance for people that aren't here full time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to appoint Michael Power to the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association Board, term expiring 8/2031. **4-0 Approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to hold the October 13, 2025 meeting at the Caseville Historical Building. **4-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Historical Society's car show on September 20, 2025. They will close the street around 9:00 a.m. and reopen it at 4:00 p.m., near the intersection of Prospect St. and Ash St. and are requesting barricades to use. **4-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2025-49, ROLL CALL, by Ignash second by Sprague to approve the Chamber of Commerce to have three food trucks for the Witches Walk. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.** (First vote Sprague offered with Hervert seconding, for four trucks failed 2-2(Ignash & Tait -no), then Ignash offered two trucks, with Sprague second. This was withdrawn before vote and the above three were approved)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Muscat commended the DPW and the Fire Department. He also commended Ignash on the boat race and donating to the Fire Department during the large fire.

Deb Estep asked Darin Sprague if Walt's hours would change for this event.

Raymond Quiel thanked the city for their support of the Historical Society and their car show.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ignash said there were 53 boats signed up this year for the first annual power boat run. Rathje thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and their comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. 4-0 Approved.

Jamie Learman, City Manager

Kenneth Rathje, Mayor Pro Tem

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