

**CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 12, 2018 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Patricia Des Jardins at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville City/Township Hall, 6767 Main, in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Michelle Beltz, Kenneth Rathje, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Todd Talaski, and Patricia Des Jardins (Mayor).

ABSENT: Clint Braun.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jamie Learman, Clerk, Troy Hartz, DPW Supt., Kyle Romzek, Police Chief, and Laura Horkey, Treasurer.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Todd Talaski, second by Jerald Ignash to **SET** the agenda as presented. 5-0 Approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION, Carried, by Darin Sprague, second by Jerald Ignash to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2018 Council Meeting as presented. 5-0 Approved.

MOTION, Carried, by Darin Sprague, second by Todd Talaski to approve the excused absence letter from Clint Braun. 5-0 Approved.

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2018-65, INVOICES, (Adopted), by Todd Talaski, second by Ken Rathje to approve Invoices as presented in the amount paid through November 8, 2018 in the amount of \$139,371.15, pending approval in the amount of \$ 12,128.03, for a total of \$151,499.18. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

Brian Hazzard, CPA, Nietzsche Faupel, P.C.-FY 2018 Audit.

Mayor Patricia D. Des Jardins thanked the council and city employees for bringing the City of Caseville into the fine shape that was expressed by the auditor.

REPORTS/COMMITTEE:

Written reports of the meeting minutes were received from the Assessor, Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, D.D.A., Oakwood Senior Citizen Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission, Advisory Water Board, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn., Election Commission, Buildings & Grounds, D.P.W / Sewer / Water, D.P.W. Supervisor, Employee Relations, Finance, City Clerk, Ordinance, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Police Chief: monthly statistics

MOTION, Carried, by Todd Talaski, second by Ken Rathje to file the Reports as presented. 5-0 Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber letter regarding Christmas in Caseville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Derek Guster wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and thanked the Chief of Police for the fine job they perform
Lou Johnson commented on the sound studio.

Teresa Calkins commented on the new pavement on Huron St.

Clyde Campbell commented on the great report from the auditor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION, Carried, by Todd Talaski, second by Ken Rathje to approve the assessor as the official designated to conduct land divisions and combinations for the City as prescribed under City Ordinance 1224.04. 5-0 Approved.

MOTION, Carried, by Darin Sprague, second by Todd Talaski to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to build a small warming fire in a self-contained portable metal fire pit at the City Park for the Christmas in Caseville's Noel Night on December 1, 2018. 5-0 Approved.

RESOLUTION #2018-66, (Adopted), by Ken Rathje, second by Jerald Ignash to approve the agreement with Steelworkers Health and Welfare Fund, for insurance for the employees, for January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019. Average decrease is 5%. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Approved.

RESOLUTION #2018-67, (Adopted), by Ken Rathje, second by Jerald Ignash to opt out of the State of Michigan 20% co-pay required for health insurance by offering BCBS HDHP policy administered by Highmark through the United Steelworkers Health & Welfare Fund for full time city employees as stated in the collective bargaining agreements and supervisor employment agreements. The employee contribution will be \$26.00 per week beginning January, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Approved.

RESOLUTION #2018-68, (Adopted), by Ken Rathje, second by Darin Sprague to adopt the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines for the Application for Poverty Exemption from the current year taxes (attached). Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Approved.

RESOLUTION #2018-69, (Adopted), by Darin Sprague, second by Ken Rathje to approve the Tentative Agreement between the DPW/Water/Office Union and the City of Caseville. The contract is for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lou Johnson commented on the trees down by Pt. Park.

Derek Guster inquired on how many full time police officers the city has and hopes they are taken care in contracts.

Clyde Campbell commented on the bushes at Pt. Park, commented on the DEQ and Pt. Park project.

Jamie Learman advised that the City of Caseville breakwall was featured on Michigan Outdoors where they advised viewers to visit Caseville.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Michelle Beltz commented on the positive direction of the budget, she also thanked all the Veterans.

Mayor Patricia D. Des Jardins thanked the Veterans, thanked the council and employees for the fine job they perform, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ken Rathje, second by Jerald Ignash to Adjourn. 5-0 Approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Laura Horkey, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Patricia Des Jardins, Mayor

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