

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 23, 2020 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor pro tem Kenneth Rathje (via teleconference) at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville City Hall, 6767 Main, in Caseville Michigan and everyone was spread out at least six feet apart. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held for Melvin "Pete" Dutcher, who recently passed. Mr. Dutcher served on several boards for both the Village and the City.

ROLL CALL:

John Tait, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Clint Braun, Todd Talaski were present and Mayor pro tem Kenneth Rathje (via teleconference due to Coronavirus fears). (Mayor Patricia Des Jardins did not attend due to Coronavirus fears) Others present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk, Troy Hartz, DPW Supt. and Laura Horkey, Treasurer

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to set the agenda as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

A hearing for public input regarding the proposed development of Downtown Park through grant applications to the Michigan DNR Trust Fund and Recreation Passport programs.

Public Comments - Jamie Learman gave a description of both projects and the goals of developing this land.

James Stahl asked about roads/access.

Todd Talaski said the City is still working on the acquisition of the property.

John Tait asked about parking.

Laura Horkey asked if the grant to purchase the property was separate.

Correspondence - None

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Ignash to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m. and resume the Regular Business Meeting. **5-0 Approved.**

ROLL CALL (Establish Council quorum)

John Tait, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Clint Braun, Todd Talaski were present and Mayor pro tem Kenneth Rathje (via teleconference due to Coronavirus fears). (Mayor Patricia Des Jardins did not attend due to Coronavirus fears)

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Ignash to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2020-12, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Braun to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through 3-20-2020 \$536,386.05. **Roll Call 5-0 Approved.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written and verbal reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Caseville D.D.A., Oakwoods Senior Citizens Housing, Harbor Commission, Fire Authority, Election Commission, D.P.W. Supervisor & the Park and Rec. Committee. Troy Hartz advised everyone the new D.P.W. truck arrived.

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to file the Reports as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber of Commerce request for Trash & Treasures sale.

Chamber of Commerce request for Market on Main.

Chamber of Commerce request for Ribstock.

American Legion Poppy Sales request for exemption.

C.A.F.P.A. FY 2021 budget

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve the Chamber of Commerce’s request to conduct its annual “Trash & Treasure Days”, May 22 through May 25, 2020. This excludes participants from garage sale permit requirement for this sale. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Braun to approve the Chamber of Commerce’s request to conduct the “Market on Main” on Saturday’s from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. May 23 through September 5, 2020 at the Main Street Park. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce’s request to host the 12th Annual Caseville Country Ribstock Festival on June 26 through June 28, 2020. **5-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2020-13, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Braun to authorize the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the development of Downtown Park. This project would total \$498,800, with the City committing \$200,000 if the application is funded. (Attached) **Roll Call 4-1(Tait) Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2020-14, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Sprague to authorize the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant for the development of Downtown Park. This project would total \$298,000, with the City committing \$150,000 if the application is funded. (Attached) **Roll Call 4-1(Tait) Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2020-15, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Tait to exempt the American Legion Auxiliary from the vendor fees to conduct their Poppy Program on May 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Written permission from the property owners will be provided to the Police Chief prior to issuance of the vending permit. **Roll Call 5-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2020-16, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Tait to approve the proposed annual budget for the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association for fiscal year 2021 as presented by the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association governing board. The City will be responsible for the equivalent of 0.6 mil of its taxable value. Talaski commented this millage rate has not changed in the last several years. **Roll Call 5-0 Approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jamie Learman talked about water shut offs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Kenneth Rathje said he appreciates being able to run the meeting by phone with everything going on.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Braun second by Tait to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**

Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk

Kenneth Rathje, Mayor pro tem

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