

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 9, 2021 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 Hall, 6767 Main, in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague (Arrived 5:32p.m.), Todd Talaski, Kenneth Rathje, John Tait and Mayor Patricia Des Jardins. Absent: Clint Braun

Others present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk, Dena Withey, Treasurer, Kyle Romzek, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, DPW Supt.

SET AGENDA:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Ignash to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

(Darin Sprague Arrived 5:32p.m.)

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2021-37, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Talaski to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through 8-5-2021 \$106,714.79. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Citizen Housing, Water Board, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn, Election Commission and Employee Relations Committee. Troy Hartz said they have pushed the build date back to February for the dump truck. Jamie Learman said they had a total of 121 voters turn out for the August 3rd election. Chief Romzek talked about the proposed increase for part time police.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Historical Society thanking the City for its donation

Caseville Chamber of Commerce thanking the City for its donation

Nietzke & Faupel, P.C. engagement letter

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Smith talked about the building that was finished on the north end of town and thanked everyone for everything they do.

Deb Estep talked about the "bump-outs".

Mike Smith talked about the green bricks on Main Street.

Louis Johnson said the City needs to clean up Riverside Park.

Michael Muscat commended the DPW for the work they do.

Jamie Learman talked about the docks that the Harbor Commission is giving to the City.

Jerald Ignash asked that we look into a tornado whistle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Sprague to re-appoint John Finneren to the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association board as an alternant, term expires 8/2027. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to re-appoint Charlotte Ignash to the Planning Commission, term ending 9/2024. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to re-appoint Dena Withey to the Planning Commission, term ending 9/2024. **5-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2021-38, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Rathje to approve the Engagement Letter with Nietzke & Faupel, PC to conduct the City audit for F.Y. 2021, cost not to exceed \$12,900. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2021-39, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Ignash to authorize all delinquent accounts and invoices billed by the City prior to April 1, 2021 to be turned over to the 2021 Winter Tax Roll. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2021-40, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Talaski to set the Police part time rate to \$23.00 dollars per hour, effective August 9, 2021. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2021-41, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to send a memorandum of understanding to the union to set the "Regular part time" (20 to 29 hours per week) office wages, as defined by the union agreement, to the union contract amount of "office-full time" pay rate, effective August 12, 2021. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2021-42, ROLL CALL, by _____ second by _____ to set the non-union part time office (under 20 hours per week) wages to the union contract amount of "office-full time" pay rate, effective August 12, 2021. **No Action Taken.**

RESOLUTION #2021-43, ROLL CALL, by _____ second by _____ to hire _____ as regular part time in the office. **No Action Taken.**

RESOLUTION #2021-44, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Talaski to purchase two sets of strainers for the water plant at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2021-45, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Tait to purchase one unit of filter blocks for the water plant at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joanne Vander Meulen questioned the Council just having two people in the office, felt more help was needed. Louis Johnson asked about the docks and suggested putting flower pots with bushes on the "bump-outs" for winter. Jim Smith asked about a big bonfire over by the Breakwall. He said the office was busy when he was on Council and advised them they need to be prepared in case one office worker can't work. He also stated the docks are a bad idea.

Troy Hartz thanked Todd Talaski for putting up the Main Street banners.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Talaski said the county land bank recently sold some property in Caseville Township. He said they are searching for a new equalization director, both millages passed and they are hiring a consultant to help with the ARPA funds.

Tait said he will look into cleaning up the Riverside Park.

Ignash hoped everyone has a good Cheeseburger.

Rathje asked about the storage of Kappen's docks, since the Harbor would be under construction.

Des Jardins thanked the Council and everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Sprague to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk

Patricia Des Jardins, Mayor

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