

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 13, 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 Historical Building, 6733 Prospect St., in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerald Ignash, Jacob Kretzschmer, Jeff Hervert, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje (Mayor Pro Tem). Absent: John Tait and Mayor Christopher Stahl. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager and Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor.

SET AGENDA:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Ignash second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025 Special Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Hervert second by Ignash to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025 Special Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2025-54, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through October 9, 2025, totaling \$1,376,469.83. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-55, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Kretzschmer to approve the FY 2026 1st Quarter Budgeted Transfer in the amount of \$43,404.93. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Oakwood Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc., Election Commission and Parks & Recreation committee. Troy Hartz said they are grinding the roads and are expected to pave starting the end of this week. The sewer lift stations are all up and running and he has a meeting scheduled later this week with EPA engineers regarding the water issues.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Steelworkers Health & Welfare Fund 2026 health insurance costs
Kristen Maust letter of thanks to Kenneth Rathje for his many years of service

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Kretschmer to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours for 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2025. **4-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Hervert second by Ignash to appoint Darin Sprague as Mayor Pro Tem, effective November 1, 2025. **3-0 Approved (Sprague abstained).**

RESOLUTION #2025-56, ROLL CALL, by Ignash second by Hervert to opt out of the State of Michigan 20% co-pay requirement for health insurance by offering BCBS HDHP policy administered by Highmark through the United Steelworkers Health & Welfare Fund for City employees as stated in the collective bargaining agreements and supervisor employment agreements. The employees will continue to contribute weekly towards health insurance costs as stated in their agreements. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

RESOLUTION #2025-57, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to renew the health insurance agreement with the Steelworkers Health and Welfare fund for 2026. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Louis Johnson stated he appreciated Ken Rathje's years of service.

Michael Muscat asked about a parcel on the zoning report, the city's plans to control the sand at the beach and possibly renaming Main St. in recognition of Mike and Lou's contributions to the community.

Jamie Learman thanked both Ignash and Rathje for their service to the city and confirmed they are both still interested in a Planning Commission seat. He reminded everyone of the November 4th election and wished everyone running luck.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ignash said it has been an honor to serve.

Sprague said he appreciated Ignash and Rathje's time on the council.

Rathje said he appreciated the cooperation of the council and appreciated getting elected.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Ignash to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. **4-0 Approved.**


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Kenneth Rathje, Mayor Pro Tem

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