

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 16, 2026 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Darin Sprague at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville City Hall, 6767 Main St., Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Krueger, Jacob Kretzschmer, Dawn Talaski, Jeff Hervert, John Tait and Darin Sprague (Mayor Pro Tem). Absent: Mayor Christopher Stahl. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager, Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor.

Letter from Chris Stahl resigning from mayor position – Nominate to replace mayor (Ken Rathje – 4 (Tait, Kretzschmer, Hervert & Krueger. Jerald Ignash – 1 Talaski)

MOTION Carried, by Hervert second Tait to appoint Ken Rathje to fill the remainder of the Mayor Stahl's term. Ken Rathje was sworn in and took the mayor's seat and presided over the meeting.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to set the agenda as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Hearing for public input on the proposed ordinance #2026-1 Ordinance Codification.

Jamie Learman read the proposed Ordinance Codification.

Public Comments – None

Correspondence – None

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:37 p.m. and resume the Regular Business Meeting. **6-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-12, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve FY 2026 budget amendments. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-13, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through February 5, 2026, totaling \$437,914.55. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Advisory Water Board and Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. and the DPW Committee. Troy Hartz talked about a water leak at the Caseville Eagles. Jamie Learman said EGLE & EPA are going to schedule an informational meeting regarding the water issues. Chief Hopkins said Shady Days went well.

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to file the Reports as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Jerald Ignash expressing interest in mayor's seat.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #2026-1, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to adopt the codification of the 2025 ordinance changes. Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ray Quiel thanked the council for their transparency. He also thanked Chris for his service and Darin for filling in.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Kretzschmer asked about police radios.
Tait said to Chris his chair is here for him.
Krueger thanked Chris.
Rathje thanked Chris.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. 6-0 Approved.


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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