

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 9, 2026 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kenneth Rathje 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(arrived 6:35p.m.), Dawn Talaski, Jeff Hervert, John Tait, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje Mayor. Absent: Jacob Kretschmer. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager, Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor.

SET AGENDA:

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **4-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-14, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Talaski to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through 3-5-2026, totaling \$192,592.71. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Oakwood Senior Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission and Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. Troy Hartz talked about the special meeting March 23 at 2:00p.m. regarding the water issues. Chief Hopkins stated that Chase Howard and Ty Tennant were at training.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chris Stahl revised resignation letter
Caseville American Legion donation letter of thanks
Caseville American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Sales request
Caseville Chamber of Commerce 2026 events request
Caseville Chamber of Commerce Market on Main request
Caseville Area Fire Protection Association 2026-2027 Budget

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE:

First reading of ordinance #2026-2 to repeal Ordinance #2019-2 Chapter 1225 Soil Erosion.
(Jason Krueger arrived)

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to set a public hearing for the proposed ordinance #2026-2 repeal of Ordinance #2019-2 Soil Erosion Chapter 1225 on April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the American Legion Auxiliary to conduct their annual Poppy Sales on May 2, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written permission from the property owners has been provided to Chief Hopkins. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct the "Market on Main" on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. May 23 through October 3, 2026 at the Main Street Park, excluding Cheeseburger weekends. This would also include closing Pine St. from Main St. to Prospect St, only when additional vending spaces are needed. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct its annual "Trash & Treasure Days", May 21 through May 25, 2026. This excludes participants from garage sale permit requirements for this sale. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Hervert to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Annual Caseville Country Ribstock Festival on June 26 through June 28, 2026. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the Fireworks on July 3, 2026 with a rain date of July 5th. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the "Denim & Diamonds" event on July 24 through July 26, 2026. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Caseville/Saginaw Bay Power Boat Run at Riverside Park August 7th and 8th, 2026. This request also exempts American Custom Marine-Kimball from the vendor's fee to sell shirts during this event. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Cheeseburger in Caseville events August 14 through August 23, 2026, with the parade on August 19th at 5:30 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Talaski to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Pumpkin Festival and lighted parade September 19, 2026. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the "Jeepers Creepers" event on October 3, 2026. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Witches Walk on October 24, 2026. They are requesting street closure during this event on Main St. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to appoint Michael Power to the Harbor Commission, term ending 11/2029. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve the art festival on June 27, 2026 at the Riverside Park. **5-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2026-15, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Hervert to approve the check signing policy. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-16, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the proposed annual budget for the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association for fiscal year 2027 as presented by the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association governing board. The city will be responsible for the equivalent of 1 mil of its taxable value. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-17, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Krueger to approve the Scheurer Hospital ambulance subsidy payment for 2025 in the amount of \$5,216.00. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Power talked about his experience with being on the ambulance board and the ambulance costs. Janice Prill said she gave a packet to the council about an issue with an employee and stated they have a problem and she wasn't happy how the council handled it. Jamie Learman spoke about an upcoming legislative committee with Greg Alexander. Alexander is attempting to help with the plumbing law and asked Learman to testify. Learman also spoke about the upcoming water project and attempts to get grant funding.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rathje thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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