

CITY OF CASEVILLE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2026 8:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Redwantz, Kenneth Rathje, Michael Klaiber, Lou Johnson, Kevin Stachowiak, Jill Rogers, Laren Formicola, Rob Pillsworth and Patrice Sinclair.

Also present: Jamie Learman and Kristen Maust, Secretary.

MOTION was made by Rathje and supported by Formicola to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting, motion carried. **9-0 Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Redwantz read a letter from the Chamber president, Steve Louwers, thanking the DDA for their donation for the 2026 brochures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kris Leipprandt, local artist, presented flyers regarding a mural walk event throughout town and an art on the river event happening in June at the Riverside Park. She has 15 vendors signed up and is looking forward to bringing this to town.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The bank balances were discussed: 2MIL \$32,066.71; TIFA \$272,670.09.

MOTION was made by Stachowiak and second by Klaiber to approve the Treasurer's report, motion carried. **9-0 Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Reviewed completed and remaining façade grants. Formicola revisited the ideas of directional signage, possible art sculptures at business locations and the possibility of hiring a consultant to help with future ideas that would benefit the city. She explained that other cities greatly benefit from this service. She will gather some more information and pricing and will present at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Formicola inquired about the parking lot adjacent to her business, that is owned by the city, asking if there is any money in the budget to improve the lot. Landscape and asphalt repair seem to be the biggest concerns. She also is asking for funds to help pay for the mural walk flyers and painting materials used by Kris Leipprandt. She will gather expenses for next meeting.

Members discussed a contribution to the Chamber for fireworks, no action taken.

The DDA welcomed new member Patrice Sinclair, owner of North Star on Main LLC.

MOTION was made by Rathje and second by Sinclair to pay \$3,500 to Lou Johnson for the purchase of flowers, motion carried. **8-0 Approved**, Johnson abstained.

Next meeting: May 19, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M.

MOTION by Johnson second by Pillsworth to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 A.M. **8-0 Approved.** (Stachowiak left @9:10 A.M).


Kristen Maust, Secretary