

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 11, 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, Jeff Hervert, John Tait, Dawn Talaski, Jacob Kretzschmer, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje Mayor. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager, Deborah Hopkins, Police Chief and Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to amend agenda adding the closure request of Pine St. for the powerboat display on August 7th. **6-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-22, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Kretzschmer to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through May 7, 2026, totaling \$188,806.10. **Roll Call Vote 6-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission and Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. Troy Hartz talked about the water plant pretreatment process and they are waiting on EGLE to permit it. Jamie Learman said they received a quote for only a 12" water line from Kinde to Caseville and it was \$21.8 million. This did not include the additional costs that would be necessary to connect to the HRWA via Bad Axe's line. He also said we were in the running for funding from Sen. Peters office and that the docks at Riverside Park are near competition. Chief Hopkins warned people of a scam regarding Cheeseburger vending fees.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nietzke & Faupel, PC engagement letter for FY 2026 Audit
Caseville Methodist Church request for reduction of vending

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Louis Johnson asked about the intake project.
Robert Pillsworth thanked the DPW for flushing hydrants near his house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to appoint Amy Lee to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term ending 4/2030. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to appoint Patrice Sinclair to the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, term ending 4/2028. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to close Pine St from Main St. to Prospect St on August 7, 2026 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Powerboat Run to display their boats. **6-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2026-23, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Kretzschmer to accept the preliminary budget for F.Y. 2027 from the DDA Board of Directors and to set a DDA Public Hearing Date of June 8, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. for review of the proposed F.Y. 2027 Budget AND to set a proposed ad valorem General Operation millage of 1.4326 mils. **Roll Call Vote 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-24, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Krueger to accept the preliminary budget for F.Y. 2027; to set a Public Hearing during the June 8, 2026 Council Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. for review of the proposed F.Y. 2027 City Budget AND to set a proposed ad valorem General Operation millage of 16.0750 mils. **Roll Call Vote 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-25, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Talaski to approve the audit engagement letter from Nietzke & Faupel, PC to conduct the FY 2026 audit at a cost not to exceed \$21,400. **Roll Call Vote 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-26, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the reduction of the vending fee to \$100 for the Caseville Methodist Church for one day of vending on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6490 Main St. **Roll Call Vote 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patricia McKinley asked about the house that was taken down on Michigan St. and if that was a part of the campground. Jerald Ignash, owner, was in attendance and said no it was just a lot.

Janice Prill asked what the DDA does. She was given a rundown on some of their projects.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Tait said he has seen only one car charge at the Bad Axe electric car chargers.

Rathje thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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