CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The June 8, 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, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje Mayor. Absent: Jacob Kretzschmer. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager and Deborah Hopkins-Lung, Police Chief.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to amend the agenda adding a motion for the Chamber of Commerce request. **5-0 Approved.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to convene a public hearing for the proposed FY 2027 budget. **5-0 Approved.**
A hearing for public input on the proposed FY 2027 budget and the supporting millage of 16.0750 mils.
Public Comments – Jamie Learman detailed the proposed FY 2027 Budget.
Correspondence - None
MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m. and resume the Regular Business Meeting. **5-0 Approved.**
Roll Call: MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Krueger, Jeff Hervert, John Tait, Dawn Talaski, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje Mayor. Absent: Jacob Kretzschmer.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Krueger to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2026 Special Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-28, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Krueger to amend the FY 2026 budget as presented. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-29, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through June 4, 2026 Total $795,551.61. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission and Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. Jamie Learman spoke about the upcoming August 4th election and early voting. Chief Deborah Hopkins-Lung talked about a golf cart accident.
MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to file the Reports as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ken Bess Letter regarding low tree branches on Main St.
Chamber requesting street closure for Denim & Diamonds event
St Roch's church request for reduction of vending fees
City of Bad Axe proposed pipeline from Kinde cost
Oakwood Housing letter recommending the reappointment of Dan Fortsch

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the 2026 Police Department roster as presented. (Attached) **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to reappoint Dan Fortsch to the Oakwood Housing Commission., term ending 6/2031. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for street closure for the Denim & Diamonds event July 25, 2026 from 4p-6p. **5-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2026-30, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Hervert to adopt the Fee Schedule for FY 2027 as presented. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-31, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to adopt the budget for FY 2027 as presented and to set the General Operating millage at 16.0750 mils to support the budget. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-32, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Krueger to accept the budget for FY 2027 from the DDA Board of Directors; to set the DDA General Operation millage at 1.4326 mils. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-33, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to renew the Liability/Property/Vehicle insurance proposal with EMC insurance for FY 2027 at a cost of $83,281. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-34, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the reduction of vending fee to $100 for St. Roch's Chicken BBQ on August 16, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Scott Maust talked about the commissioners putting a moratorium on solar and data center development.
Jerald Ignash asked about a lot for sale on Huron St.
Tom Paul asked about phragmites spraying.
Wendy Waldrep asked about the Pigeon library and the trash bin boxes near the road.
Robert Pillsowrth stated there are several lots that aren't deeded.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:
Rathje thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION Carried, by Krueger second by Hervert to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**

Jamie Learman, City Manager

Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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