

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 20, 2026 Meeting (Rescheduled, no quorum for the 13th) of the Caseville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kenneth Rathje at 8:00 a.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, Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor and Deborah Hopkins-Lung, Police Chief.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to set the agenda as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-35, TRANSFERS, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Hervert to approve FY 2026 4th Quarter Budgeted Transfers in the amount of \$53,275.32 (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-36, AMENDMENTS, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Krueger to approve the FY 2026 Budget Amendments. Attached **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-37, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Hervert to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through July 9, 2026 totaling \$517,684.97. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Housing and Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. Hartz spoke about the oxidizer being added to the water and that it appears to be working with the discoloration. Learman spoke about the upcoming early voting and August 4th election. Hopkins-Lung said that Tenant accepted a job elsewhere and they have been busy.

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Krueger to file the Reports as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Isaac Corns requesting to place banner

Brandi Roberts, Outdoor Adventures, Inc. request to set up booth

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to reappoint Eric Yeager to the Downtown Development Authority, term ending 4/2030. **5-0 Approved.**

MOTION, Not Supported – to allow Isaac Corns to place a banner at _____ during the Cheeseburger Festival 2026.

MOTION, Not Supported – to allow Outdoor Adventures, Inc. to set up a display at _____ during the Cheeseburger Festival 2026.

RESOLUTION #2026-38, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the contribution of \$1,000 to the Caseville Historical Society for F.Y. 2027, as allowed by State of Michigan Act 213 of 1957 (MCL 399.171). **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-39, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to donate \$3,000 for F.Y. 2027 to the Caseville Chamber of Commerce for its Independence Day festivities (fireworks) **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kevin Stachowiak talked about the city requesting he fence his rear yard.

Jodi Smih talked about the fence letter she received and vehicles not stopping at Huron & Michigan St.

Jim Borhl asked about the dirt piled at the house next to him on Michigan St.

Robert Pillsworth commented on the construction on that lot.

Jerald Ignash said he was hauling away the sand from that Michigan St. lot and will be placing black dirt and seeding. He intends to put in a house/rental someday. He commented about fencing in the RV park and the city requiring stamped blueprints.

Lindsay Stachowiak talked about fences.

Raymond Quiel thanked the board for their continued support of the Historical Society.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Tait asked that the Planning Commission review this fence ordinance at its next meeting.

Sprague asked Hartz about the water.

Krueger feels some of the ordinances need to be reviewed and are used when convenient.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. **5-0 Approved.**


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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