

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 10, 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, Jacob Kretzschmer, Jeff Hervert, John Tait, Dawn Talaski, Darin Sprague and Kenneth Rathje Mayor. Others Present: Jamie Learman, City Manager, Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor and Deborah Hopkins-Lung, Police Chief.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Krueger to amend the agenda adding a motion regarding Thumb Brewery's dumpster request. **6-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-40, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Kretzschmer to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through 8-6-2026, totaling \$314,426.98. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Housing, Harbor Commission, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. and Election Commission. Troy Hartz talked about a pilot water study they are preparing to complete. Jamie Learman talked about the August 4th election. Chief Hopkins-Lung talked about the Police Committee meeting and the proposed addition of an additional officer.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thumb brewery request to temporarily place dumpster

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Louis Johnson asked Hartz about the pilot study.

Lauren Formicola asked the council for their consideration of her request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Sprague second by Tait to allow Thumb Brewery to have a dumpster, on their property, in the road right-of-way, for temporary use during the Cheeseburger Festival. The owner has a solution so this won't be an issue again in 2027. **6-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2026-41, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Sprague to authorize all delinquent accounts and invoices billed by the city prior to April 1, 2026 to be turned over to the 2026 Winter Tax Roll. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-42, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Kretzschmer to put the millage request of .6 of a mil, generating \$36,442.00 for the first year, for Pest Control services on the November ballot. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-43, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Hervert to put the millage request of .6 of a mil, generating \$36,442.00 for the first year, for Police services on the November ballot. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scott Maust spoke about the recall efforts against him and the county's solar ordinance.

Matt Filipovitch asked about the slope of the riverbank at the school's wildlife center.

Jerald Ignash thanked the Huron County Sheriff's Department and the Tuscola Sheriff's Department for bringing a boat.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Tait commended Ignash on the power boat run.

Sprague also commended Ignash and asked Chief Hopkins-Lung some golf cart questions.

Krueger said the power boat event gave him his busiest Saturday so far and asked Chief Hopkins-Lung some questions about a school resource officer and golf carts.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**

*****Next Meeting Rescheduled for September 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**



Jamie Learman, City Manager



Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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