

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 21, 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 Kretschmer, Jeff Hervert, John Tait, Dawn Talaski (Arrived at 5:35p.m.), 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 Sprague second by Tait to set the agenda as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2026-44, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Hervert second by Kretschmer to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through September 17, 2026, totaling \$276,973.73. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Zoning Administrator, Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Housing, Harbor Commission, Advisory Water Board, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assoc. and the Police Committee. Chief Hopkins-Lung stated Pumpkin Fest was busy.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber request to have food trucks for the witches walk
Historical Society Car show
Stephan Bennett complaint about beach/Breakwall area
Huron EDC event September 28, 2026 in Bad Axe
Amy Lee requesting street closure for Jeepers Creepers Event
Jason Krueger requesting to vend during Witches Walk weekend.

Dawn Talaski arrived (5:35 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - (Agenda Items Only)

Clyde Campbell said he thinks the Breakwall looks the best it ever has.
Scott Maust said he was contacted about the muck also. He said it has been like that for years.
Tom Paul says he cleans the muck off his beach constantly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Hervert to hold the October 12, 2026 meeting at the Caseville Historical Building. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Talaski to close Pine St. from Main to Prospect on October 3, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Jeepers Creepers event. **5-1 (Tait - Nay) Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2026-45, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to have four food trucks for the Witches Walk at \$100 per vendor on October 24, 2026. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-46, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Kretzschmer to decrease the 2026 water rate by \$1.50 per thousand, for Pigeon and Caseville Township, setting the rate \$8.50 per thousand. Effective July 1, 2026 for the October 1, 2026 bill. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2026-47, ROLL CALL, by Kretzschmer second by Tait to allow Jason Krueger to vend October 23-25, 2026 for the Witches Walk at a cost of \$100. **Roll Call Vote Approved 5-0 (Krueger Abstained).**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter from Port Austin Water Sport Rental asked the city to review renting him docks next year for his jet ski business. Scott Maust said the County Planning Commission has a Public Hearing coming Thursday for a solar farm. Jackie McIlhargie asked about the Pigeon Library.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Krueger second by Sprague to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**


Jamie Learman, City Manager


Kenneth Rathje, Mayor

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