

**CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The December 14, 2015 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Patricia Des Jardins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Back 2 Back Chiropractic, 6675 Main Street, in Caseville Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a roll call of the Council.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Michelle Beltz, Clint Braun, Debra Estep, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague and Todd Talaski; Mayor Patricia Des Jardins

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Learman, Clerk; David Quinn, DPW Supt.; Kyle Romzek, Police Chief; and Jacqueline Finneren, Treasurer.

SET AGENDA

MOTION, Carried, by Talaski, second by Estep, to amend the agenda to include a resolution to replace the overhead doors on the DPW Garage and set the agenda as amended. Vote: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, Carried, by Estep, second by Talaski, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Business Meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0.

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION #2015-85, INVOICES, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Estep, second by Braun, to approve Invoices in the amount as presented: Invoices paid though 12/10/2015: \$102,758.71; Invoices pending approval \$ 5,829.90. **Total \$108,588.61**. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's Report for the city fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was presented by Brian Hazard of Nietzke & Faupel, PC. He began with the statement that fiscal year 2015 was a positive year for the city. During the year deficits were eliminated in the General Fund and Sewer Fund. The City had filed a Deficit Elimination Plan as required by the State when ending the year in a deficit as was the case in preceding years. The results of the plan came to fruition in 2015. The city retired bonded debt over and above the required annual bond payments. Capital Assets were substantially increased by the end of the year.

Mr. Hazard went through the Financial Report highlighting and explaining findings of the audit. New information included in the report is the City's pension funding data. Effective 2015, the audit includes the disclosure of the City's liability for the unfunded pension liability of the Michigan Municipal Employee's Retirement System based on actuarial data.

The Report finished with the auditor's opinion which was a non-modified or "clean" opinion and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

MOTION, ROLL CALL, (Carried) by Ignash, second by Estep, to accept the Auditor's Report for the City of Caseville, fiscal year 2015, as presented by Brian Hazard, Nietzsche & Faupel PC. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

BOARD & COMMISSION REPORTS

Written reports were received from the Building Inspector & Zoning Administrator, the Caseville Downtown Development Authority, Oakwood Senior Citizen Housing, the Caseville Harbor Commission and the Caseville Area Fire Protection Association.

Written reports were received from Employee Relations and the Finance Committees. The Police Department report for November 2015 were submitted. Jerald Ignash, as chair of the Employee Relations Committee, took exception to the action of the Finance Committee regarding the office hours. The matter was discussed without any resolution of the issue.

MOTION, Carried, by Estep, second by Talaski, to file the reports from the Bldg. Insp/Zoning Adm., DDA, Oakwood Sr. Housing, Harbor Commission, & CAFPA and Council Committee reports as presented. Vote: 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from the Caseville Chamber of Commerce regarding 2016 Shanty Days preparations was read by Mayor Des Jardins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clyde Campbell commented on the Auditor's Report.

Rob Pillsworth also commented on the Auditor's Report. In particular he noted the pension reporting requirement. He asked how is Council addressing the future's rising costs in pension funding?

Joanne Vander Meulen asked if the city's building at 6675 Main was included in the audit.

Ken Rathje commented on the DPW/Office Contract negotiation process.

Dave Quinn commented on the new contract's Office hours.

Jacqueline Finneren reminded everyone of the Winter Taxes and upcoming elections in the year 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #2015-09 ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Estep, second by Braun: An Ordinance to approve the edition and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances and repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith as codified by American Legal Publishing through November, 2015. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2015-86, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Braun, to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Caseville Police Union and the City of Caseville. The Contract is for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2015-87, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Braun, to opt out of the State of Michigan 20% co-pay requirement for health insurance by offering BCBS HDHP policy administered by Highmark through the United Steelworkers Health & Welfare Fund for full time city employees as stated in the collective bargaining agreements and supervisor employment agreements. The employee contribution will be \$24.00 per week beginning January, 2016. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2015-88, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Estep, second by Talaski, to extend the (water) shut off date for non-payment of the October 1, 2015 Utility Bill from December 25, 2015 to December 28, 2015.

Discussion on Resolution: The ordinance states shut off for non-payment shall occur on the 86th day following the issuance of the quarter's bill. The 86th day falls on December 25. The next business day is December 28, 2015.
Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-89, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Sprague, to adopt the revised Fee Schedule for f.y. 2016.

Discussion on Resolution: The \$50 fee for Site Plan upgrades requiring a building permit was adopted when the County Building and Zoning Department handled building permits for the City. Now that the City has its own building inspector, the Site plan is included in the Building Permit process. The revision would remove a duplicate fee. (Attached) Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2015-90, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Braun, to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines for FFY 2016 for the Application for Poverty Exemption from the current year taxes. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2015-91, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Sprague, to establish the City of Caseville polling site for the elections for calendar year 2016 as the Caseville Public School, 6609 Vine Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725.

Discussion on Resolution: The poll site is set annually. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

MOTION, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Ignash, to approve the request by the Caseville Chamber of Commerce for an Entertainment Tent during its Shanty Days Festival, Saturday February 13, 2016, located at 6376 Main Street (Hersel's lot) and Broomball located at Caseville County Park providing that all state and local permits and insurance requirements have been secured. The Chief of Police is authorized to sign the LCC Temp. Liquor Sales form for the Entertainment Tent. Vote: 6-0.

MOTION, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Estep, second by Sprague, to approve the request of the Caseville Chamber of Commerce Shanty Days Committee to permit a fireworks display off the Wooded Island during the Shanty Days Festival on February 13, 2016 providing that all state and local permits and insurance requirements have been secured. Vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2015-92, ROLL CALL (6-0) Passed, by Talaski, second by Braun, to accept the bid from B & M Glass to replace the two (2) overhead garage doors and door openers on the DPW Garage located at 6740 Clay Street. Total cost of the project: \$5,100.

Discussion on Resolution: Talaski asked for this to be addressed by Council so that the doors could be replaced before winter weather sets in. Quinn explained the need for replacement doors. The quote includes door openers and hardware. Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rob Pillsworth asked that the County Commissioner speak at the beginning of the Comment section to give the rest of the public a chance to address subjects brought up by the Commissioner.

Todd Cooper commented on the discussion regarding the new contract and the office hours.

Joanne Vander Meulen asked about the condition and maintenance of the seawall by the Main Street Bridge.

Clark Elftman, Huron County Commissioner, reported on county level issues; the efforts to place marijuana use proposal on the ballot. A puma has been sighted in Fairhaven Township.

Clerk Jamie Learman thanked Back 2 Back Chiropractic for hosting the meeting and invited all to their reception after the meeting. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

DPW Supervisor Dave Quinn wished all a Merry Christmas.

Chief of Police Kyle Romzek wished all a Merry Christmas

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Braun wished all a Merry Christmas.

Estep commented on the Auditor's Report noting the positive effects of the administration's efforts.

Ignash thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Talaski wished all a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Des Jardins thanked Council, the supervisors for their work and the public for its support of the City. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION, ROLL CALL, by Estep, second by Talaski, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Jacqueline Finneren
Deputy Clerk

Patricia D. Des Jardins
Mayor

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