

**CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The September 14, 2020 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Patricia Des Jardins at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville Fire Hall, 6833 Main, in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: John Tait, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, Todd Talaski, Kenneth Rathje and Mayor Des Jardins. (Braun Absent)  
Others present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk, Dena Withey, Treasurer and Troy Hartz, DPW Supt.

**SET AGENDA:**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

**MOTION Carried**, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 Special Council Meeting as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

**INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:**

**RESOLUTION #2020-47, INVOICES, ROLL CALL**, by Rathje second by Tait to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through September 11, 2020 \$262,782.48, Pending Approval \$22,057.44, **Total \$284,839.92**. **Roll Call Vote 5-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2020-48, INVOICES, ROLL CALL**, by Sprague second by Rathje to increase by \$10,000 207-302-970 to allow for Police equipment purchases. **Roll Call Vote 5-0 Approved.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Written reports and minutes were received from the Zoning Administrator, Z.B.O.A., Oakwoods Senior Housing, Harbor Commission, C.A.F.P.A. and Police Committee. Troy Hartz said the DPW was very busy with new water services and Jamie Learman stated that property sales are very high in the City. He also stated the new polling location is the Fire Hall. **MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to file the Reports as presented. **5-0 Approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Scott Meyersieck and Jan Prill presented information on the Caseville Kiwanis and announced a \$2,000 donation for a picnic table and cameras for Main St.  
Deb Estep asked about the voting location change from the school to the fire hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Sprague second by Ignash to hold the October 12, 2020 meeting at the Caseville Historical Building. **5-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2020-49**, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Rathje to approve MERS addendum. This clarifies eligibilities and does not make any changes to the current defined benefit plan. **Roll Call Vote 5-0 Approved.**

**RESOLUTION #2020-50**, ROLL CALL, by Rathje second by Sprague to pay the City police officers \$1,000 each, as approved under the hazard pay grant submitted. This will be paid, through payroll, after the money is received from the State of Michigan under the Federal CARES Act Grant. **Roll Call Vote 5-0 Approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Louis Johnson asked about the number of police office working for the City.

Deb Estep asked about the cameras for Main St.

Joanne Vader Meulen asked about the property to be purchased by the City.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Talaski talked about the cameras and how important they would be to tourism and safety in Caseville. He said the County is waiting on the state to set its budget for next year. They are renovating offices in the courthouse. The Veterans are asking for additional space to lease. They are looking at countywide recycling. Since the pandemic they have laid off 4 part time and eliminated 2 full time positions. Finally, he stated the counties GIS system is going to be getting new satellite photos in the coming months.

Sprague asked Hartz about the contract with AT&T for tower rent. Troy sated there has been no suggested change from them. He also talked about the benches and tables.

Rathje thanked Mike and Lou for painting the doors on the new bathrooms at Pointe Park.

Des Jardins thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION Carried**, by Rathje second by Sprague to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. **5-0 Approved.**

Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk

Patricia Des Jardins, Mayor

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