

CITY OF CASEVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The March 13, 2024 Meeting of the Caseville City Council was called to Order by Mayor Christopher Stahl at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Caseville City Hall, 6767 Main St., in Caseville Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Two special votes were held to obtain a majority recommending Jeffrey Hervert to the vacant City Council seat.

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to fill the Council seat vacated by Clint Braun until the special election that will be held on November 4, 2025 with Jeffrey Hervert. **5-0 Approved.**

Jamie Learman swore in Jeffrey Hervert.

Roll Call MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Rathje, Jerald Ignash, Darin Sprague, John Tait, Jeffrey Hervert, Todd Talaski and Christopher Stahl (Mayor). Others Present: Jamie Learman, Office Admin/Clerk and Troy Hartz, DPW Supervisor.

SET AGENDA:

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Tait to amend the agenda adding to hire a new water plant operator. **6-0 Approved.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Ignash to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Council Meeting as presented. **6-0 Approved.**

INVOICES, BUDGET AMENDMENTS & TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #2024-10, INVOICES, ROLL CALL, by Talaski second by Sprague to approve invoices in the amount as presented: Paid through March 7, 2024, Total \$307,573.83. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

PRESENTATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Written reports were received from the Board of Review, Zoning Administrator, Oakwood Senior Citizens Housing, Caseville Harbor Commission, Caseville Area Fire Protection Assn. and the Election Commission. Troy Hartz talked about projects they have been working on, including the flushing of sewer lines and clearing the intersections of trees. Jamie Learman talked about the Presidential Primary and the chief asking him to let the council know she had received the permission letters for the Poppy Sales.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Caseville American Legion Poppy Sales request
Caseville Chamber of Commerce 2024 events request
Jacob Kretzschmer interest in Council
Wendy Waldrep interest in Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Smith commented on the proposed hiring of a new water plant operator. He talked about how the plant was supposed to be automated back in the early 2000's when he was on council. He felt the employee leaving should submit a letter of retirement prior to hiring someone else.

Jeff Crowley asked about a new campground.

Jamie Learman read a letter from Andrea Pena regarding Market on Main during Cheeseburger, this was referred to the city's Building and Grounds committee.

TJ Elenbaum felt the market should be allowed during Cheeseburger.

James Smith commented he felt the market was not good during Cheeseburger.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to appoint Kenneth Rathje as Mayor Pro Tem. **5-0 Approved. (Rathje abstained)**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Talaski to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct its annual "Trash & Treasure Days", May 23 through May 27, 2024. This excludes participants from garage sale permit requirements for this sale. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct the "Market on Main" on Saturday's from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. May 25 through October 5, 2024 at the Main Street Park. This would also include closing Pine St. from Main St. to Prospect St, only when additional vending spaces are needed. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Ignash to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Annual Caseville Country Ribstock Festival on June 28 through June 30, 2024. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Rathje second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to hold the Fireworks on July 5, 2024. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Tait second by Sprague to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Cheeseburger in Caseville events August 9 through August 18, 2024. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Talaski second by Tait to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Pumpkin Festival September 21, 2024. **6-0 Approved.**

MOTION Carried, by Ignash second by Tait to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to host the Witches Walk on October 26, 2024. They are requesting street closure during this event on Main St. **5-1 Approved (Rathje – Nay).**

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to approve the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's request to for the 2nd Annual Caseville Cruise Night on June 1, 2024. **6-0 Approved.**

RESOLUTION #2024-11, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Ignash to approve the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. (Attached) **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2024-12, ROLL CALL, by Sprague second by Tait to exempt the American Legion Auxiliary from the vendor fees to conduct their Poppy Program on May 4, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written permission from the property owners was provided to the Police Chief. **Roll Call Vote Approved 6-0.**

RESOLUTION #2024-13, ROLL CALL, by Tait second by Talaski to hire a water plant operator. **Roll Call Vote Approved 4-2. (Rathje & Sprague – Nay)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Smith commented how nothing has been submitted on the RV park yet and people should wait before forming their opinion. He also thought there was something in the city's Master Plan about limiting future parks.

Louis Johnson said the Chamber of Commerce does a great job. He then asked Jamie Learman to talk about the Community Center grant.

Jamie Learman explained the \$1,000,000 Community/Recreation Center grant the city has received. He also talked about the \$140,000 lead service line inspection grant received.

Jeff Crowley asked if the council seat was filled as he arrived late.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Talaski welcomed Jeff Hervert and others also welcomed him.

Rathje thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Carried, by Sprague second by Tait to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. **6-0 Approved.**



Jamie Learman, Office Admin./Clerk



Christopher C. Stahl, Mayor

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