

CITY OF COOPERSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, 289 DANFORTH ST.; COOPERSVILLE, MICHIGAN

MARCH 22, 2010

Mayor Kenneth L. Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Council member Allen Council member Crandle
Council member Lloyd Council member Meintsma
Council member Whitman Mayor Bush

Absent: Council member Vander Kolk

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Whitman to excuse the absence of Council member Vander Kolk. Carried unanimously. (2010-063)

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Meintsma to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 8, 2010. Carried unanimously. (2010-064)

Mayor Bush opened the floor for citizens' comments.

Ottawa County Senior Prosecuting Attorney Kent Engle announced his candidacy for Circuit Court Judge.

Bradley Sprague Sr., 87 Bennett St., spoke of his concerns about compliance issues with city practices regarding street sweeping, snow removal and catch basin cleaning.

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Lloyd to approve invoice from Law Weathers for ordinance enforcement totaling \$90.00. Carried unanimously. (2010-065)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Meintsma to approve invoices from OMM Engineering for completion of NPDES permit (\$1,216.73), and WWTP upgrades (\$5,395.75) totaling \$6,612.48. Carried unanimously. (2010-066)

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Allen to approve invoice from Ottawa County for February Communities That Care totaling \$4,635.58. Carried unanimously. (2010-067)

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Lloyd to approve invoice from Ottawa County for January policing services totaling \$31,604.84. Carried unanimously. (2010-068)

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Allen to approve checks written for period ending March 22, 2010 totaling \$336,274.10. Carried unanimously. (2010-069)

Motion by Council member Cradle with second by Council member Whitman to postpone action on ordinance to adopt by reference the 2010 International Property Maintenance Code until the April 12, 2010 meeting. Motion carries with Mayor Bush abstaining. (2010–070)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Whitman to postpone action on ordinance to adopt by reference the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages until the April 12, 2010 meeting. Motion carries 4–2 with Council member Meintsma and Mayor Bush voting no. (2010–071)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Cradle to postpone action on ordinance to adopt by reference the Motor Vehicle Code until the April 12, 2010 meeting. Motion carries 4–2 with Council member Meintsma and Mayor Bush voting no. (2010–072)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Meintsma to adopt Ordinance #423 to amend the City of Coopersville Zoning Ordinances by adding Chapter 1467 Wind Energy Ordinance to set forth procedures and standards for siting wind energy turbines. Roll Call Vote—AYES: Council members Cradle, Lloyd, Meintsma, Whitman and Mayor Bush. NAYS: Allen. Motion carries 5–1. (2010–073)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Whitman to adopt Ordinance #424 to amend the City of Coopersville Zoning Ordinance by changing three parcels to current zoning designation of R–3. Carried unanimously. (2010–074)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Cradle to approve resolution to request allocation of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Carried unanimously. (2010–075)

Mayor Bush gave an update from the City Clerk Search Committee and called a special meeting on Wednesday March 24, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. to meet the candidate.

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Meintsma to receive and file the council information packet which consists of :correspondence from Allen Van Koeving regarding city employee Patrick Bursley; Historical Museum Curator Jim Budzynski's 2009 report; Coopersville/Polkton Fire Authority 3/9/10 and 3/16/10 minutes; Rescue 3/2010 minutes; and Coopersville Area District Library 2/17/10 minutes. Carried unanimously. (2010–076)

Mayor Bush again opened the floor for citizens' comments.

Ottawa County Senior Prosecuting Attorney Kent Engle, stated that the Motor Vehicle Code is a State Code, and that the Uniform Traffic Code is binding whether adopted by us or not, but that adoption allows reimbursement to the city for a percentage of dollars received.

Adrian Brown, 354 Lincoln St., spoke of his concern regarding lost jobs in the State of Michigan in general, and the City of Coopersville in particular, referencing the Delphi bankruptcy, the strict building codes, and the city sanctioned tax breaks for industry.

Bradley Sprague, Sr., 87 Bennett, stated that changes were not simple with ordinances dealing with green spaces, building fascias, and his dissent regarding the pending sewer improvements stating that rates will be raised.

Planning Commissioner James Ward, 948 Redtail Dr., explained how he has learned that ordinance language is written with good reason and must cover safety issues and other considerations of which many are unaware.

Tom Dodson, 901 East Street, spoke of the need for respectful answers for citizens' questions.

Bryan DeLoof, 361 Lincoln suggested that substantial savings might result from an upgrade to a wireless system to monitor the WWTP as does Plainfield Township.

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Whitman to adjourn. Carried unanimously. (2010-077)

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor