

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

**AUGUST 26, 2013**

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

**Present:**

Council member Crandle	Council member/Mayor Pro- Tem Vander Kolk
Council member Fisher	Council member Ward
Council member Lloyd	Mayor Bush

**Absent:**

Council member Meintsma

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Fisher to excuse the absence of Council member Meintsma. Motion carried. (2013-138)

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** None

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Council member Lloyd, with second by Council member Fisher to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 regular City Council meeting. Motion carried. (2013-139)

**Scheduled Guests**

Mayor Bush presented Mayoral Proclamations to Ottawa County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Reuwer and Rescue Squad #471 First Responders Jason Karell, Joshua Swart, Patti Eldred, Adam Sherman, Erica Acton, and Renee Gavin for saving the life of a fourteen (14) year old female medical victim on July 23, 2013.

**Citizen Input & Suggestions**

Mark Douglas, resident and business owner presented concerns and recommendations to the council on real estate signs in the proposed sign ordinance. Mr. Douglas recommended the following changes be considered:

- Height of signs allowed should be five (5) feet instead of four (4)
- Signs should be allowed to stay up for thirty (30) days after completion of sale instead of seven (7)
- Open house signs should be allowed to be displayed six (6) days prior to an open house
- Distance of signs from public right-of-ways should be reworded to accommodate homes in the city that do not have ten (10) feet between the public right-of-way and the front of the house.

**Petitions and Communications**

Motion by Council member Fisher with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve payment on checks written for period ending August 26, 2013 totaling \$735,596.98. Motion carried. (2013-140)

Motion by Council member Ward with second by Council member Lloyd to postpone action on the proposed sign ordinance until the September 9, 2013 City Council meeting to allow for staff to make the recommended changes as approved by council. Motion carried. (2013-141)

The following changes to be made to the proposed sign ordinance are as follows:

- Definition of "Banners" to be added
- Real Estate Sign Changes:
  - ❖ Amend allowable maximum height to five (5) feet

### **Petitions and Communications continued**

- ❖ Amend the number of days that the signs must be removed after the completion of the sale of a home from seven (7) days to thirty (30) days
- ❖ Amend the number of days an open house sign can be displayed prior to an open house from 5:00 P.M. the day preceding an open house to six (6) days preceding an open house
- ❖ Amend wording to allow for safe and proper placement of signs in front of homes that do not have ten (10) feet of property from the public right-of-way to the front of the home

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Ward to approve the appointment of Alvina Van Doorn to the Election Commission. Motion carried. (2013-142)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Ward to approve the request from the Ottawa Conservation District to include tree sale information to be put in with the winter tax billings as long as Ottawa Conservation District assumes the cost and not the City. Motion carried. (2013-143)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to receive and file the Council information which consists of: August 14, 2013 Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs correspondence re: Southside Bar & Grill, Inc. (formerly Anchor Inn); July policing report; Planning Commission draft minutes of 8/19/13; Fire Authority meeting minutes of 8/13/13. Motion carried. (2013-144)

### **Citizen Input & Suggestions**

Mark Douglas, resident and business owner thanked the council members for considering his recommended changes to the proposed sign ordinance.

Matt McKinnon, Recreation Director introduced his new Intern, Tyson Hoffman from Grand Valley State University. Mr. Hoffman will be interning with Matt for one hundred (100) hours.

Matt also presented Council members with a copy of a survey he has recently sent out, asking that all council members complete the survey and return them to him. Matt also presented a poem with a link to council members stating that this is one of his tactics to remind coaches that “we are a team.”

### **City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Steven Patrick informed council members that there will be a bid opening for the project on W. Randall Street on August 29, 2013.

Mr. Patrick also informed the council that we will be activating the traffic lights on East Street this week to prepare everyone for the start of school.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council Member Lloyd to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. (2013-137)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk