

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

January 9, 2017

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

Present: Council member Bush Council member Ward
Council member Lampe Council member Wheeler
Council member Meintsma Mayor Lloyd
Council member Mooney

Absent: None

Additions/Corrections to Agenda None

Minutes

Motion by Council Member Meintsma with second by Council Member Ward to approve the December 12, 2016 Special Joint meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-001)

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings None

Citizen Input & Suggestions

State Representative Roger Victory reported on the following upcoming issues that will be addressed by the State:

- No Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act
- Infrastructure Report for the 21st Century
- The recent loss of State Representative Dennis Van Dam
- Cost of water to Ice Mountain vs. Flint water issues

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Meintsma to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Budget Amendments. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-002)

Motion by Council Member Wheeler with second by Council Member Lampe to approve payment on invoice from Prein & Newhof for the 60th Avenue Booster Upgrade totaling \$3,291.60. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-003)

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Ward to approve payment on Redline Excavating Progress Payment No. 1 for 64th Avenue sidewalks totaling \$92,240.08. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-004)

Motion by Council Member Meintsma with second by Council Member Mooney to approve payment on invoice from Ottawa County Policing and Community That Cares totaling \$47,578.59. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-005)

Motion by Council Member Wheeler with second by Council Member Ward to approve payment on invoice from Infrastructure Alternatives totaling \$15,457.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-006)

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Lampe to approve payment on invoice from Bloom, Sluggett, Morgan totaling \$838.50. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-007)

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Wheeler to approve payment on invoice from Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone totaling 1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-008)

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Wheeler to approve payment on invoice from Mika, Meyers totaling \$351.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-009)

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Wheeler to approve payment on checks written for period ending January 9, 2017 totaling \$1,389,205.02. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-010)

Discussion was held on Raises for Retirees through the MERS Program.

Steven Patrick, City Manager stated that he was approached on the discussion after the December 2016 meeting. Keri Rogers, City Treasurer reported that the current MERS Program is approximately seventy-seven (77) percent funded and that there are several major factors that play in to the calculations such as, rate of return on funds, mortality rates and adjustments.

The MERS Program would have to be funded one hundred (100) percent before MERS would allow the raises to be issued to retirees without the City being required to pay the total cost for such raises up front.

Steven Patrick, City Manager informed the Council that city staff has requested for MERS to calculate the city's cash obligation on a two (2), three (3) and four (4) percent raise scenario, and this information will take MERS approximately thirty (30) days to respond.

Mr. Patrick stated to Council that there is no policy currently in place for giving raises to retirees and/or conditions set in place for qualifying for such raises.

Mr. Patrick also discussed the current practice of allowing employees to "buy" years for their pension and the long-term financial impact this practice has on the city and in the current environment where the city's pension is only seventy-seven (77) percent funded, stating further that all aspects of the plan need to be reviewed.

No action was taken

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Mooney to approve the Ottawa County SWAP Service Agreement for 2017. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-011)

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Wheeler to approve the updates to the City Handbook Cell Phone Policy. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-012)

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Bush to take "NO Action" on the Proclamation Request Memorandum for School Choice Week. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-013)

Motion by Council Member Meintsma with second by Council Member Wheeler to receive and file the Council Information Packet which consists of: Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report for December 2016; Coopersville-Polkton Fire Authority Board Minutes from December 13, 2016; Coopersville Area Historical Society January 2017 newsletter; Charter Communications letter dated December 28, 2016; Monthly Permits Issued December 2016. Motion carried unanimously. (2017-014)

Citizen Input & Suggestions

State Representative Roger Victory commented on the MERS discussion. Mr. Victory stated that the State of Michigan has Defined Contribution Programs only.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Steven Patrick informed Council Members on the following:

- Movement is taking place with CDF & fair life on the WWTP Upgrade
- Will be holding a Utilities Committee meeting within the next week
- Has met with the new Supervisor of Allendale regarding the second River Crossing for water

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman reported on the following various current "Open" Board Positions:

- One (1) Alternate Member for Board of Review
- One (1) Regular Member for Local Officers Compensation Committee
- One (1) Alternate Member for Zoning Board of Appeals
- One (1) Regular Member for Zoning Board of Appeals

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Keri Rogers reported that once MERS has completed the calculation of a two (2) percent cost of living raise for the retirees she will submit the information to the Council.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Meintsma to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. (2017-015)

Rodney C. Lloyd, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk