

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

**March 12, 2018**

**Present:** Council Member Bush                      Council Member Wheeler  
Council Member Veldheer                      Mayor Crandle  
Council Member Ward

**Absent:** Council Member Lampe  
Council Member Mooney

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

Additions/corrections to Item 7, Consent Agenda - None

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**Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings** - None

**Citizen Input & Suggestions**

Micha Karell, Rescue Department Employee & CPR Trainer presented an update to the Council on the following:

- Hosted a Job Fair recently. Majority of the attendees were from Muskegon County
- Started a Community Outreach Program
- National EMS Week is May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>. An Ice Cream Social and Coloring Contest will be held.
- A “High School Luncheon Program with Students” has been approved by the High School Principal
- Micha will be assisting at the Career Tech Center and reaching out to the students in the EMS Program

Steve Hecksel, Resident, 406 Ironwood & Business Owner addressed the Council regarding the proposed East Gateway Preliminary Plat. Mr. Hecksel stated that he moved here seventeen (17) years ago and that his business supports many community programs. Following are Mr. Hecksel’s personal concerns regarding the proposed plat:

- Does not see where this is going to help our downtown environmental issues
- Home & Property Values are a concern
- Traffic is a big concern as 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue is already difficult and if there is no more than enough room for two (2) semis to be in a turning lane at once from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. it is going to be even more difficult as it is already a zoo in that area.
- City needs to have a vision for everyone in the City
- He hopes that the City Council and the Planning Commission will consider the area resident’s concerns

Matt McKinnon, Recreation Director commended Ben Hosterman on his playground project at the Library Park, and the new merry-go-round that was on the agenda for approval by Council tonight.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by council Member Ward with second by Council Member Veldheer to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. (2018-022)

#### **Approved Consent Agenda items are as follows:**

- *Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 12, 2018.*
- *Invoices from Prein & Newhof totaling \$1,023.50.*
- *Invoices from OMM Engineering totaling \$3,860.00.*
- *Invoice from Ottawa County Policing and Community That Cares totaling \$63,656.00.*
- *Invoice from Infrastructure Alternatives totaling \$16,210.00*
- *Invoice from Bloom Sluggett totaling \$1,237.50.*
- *Invoice from Davis and Davis totaling \$12,760.00.*
- *Checks written through March 12, 2018, totaling \$3,396,954.45.*
- *Council Information packet.*

### **Petitions and Communications**

Todd Stuve of Exxcel Engineering presented the proposed East Gateway Preliminary Plat to the Council.

Steven Patrick, City Manager stated that he and the City Staff believe that having a traffic study performed is necessary. Mr. Patrick stated that there are several issues that must be resolved regardless of the new development taking place, or not. Mr. Patrick stated that the City would like to talk to Ottawa County Road Commission about the traffic issues and seek some guidance from them on what will need to be improved.

Council Member Ward stated that this would be a great opportunity to make improvements to the traffic issues and that the Council is being asked to approve the Plat at this time and not a truck-stop.

Council Member Veldheer stated that although he doesn't believe the new development will enhance the business in the downtown, he, agrees, with opening up the East Gateway.

Motion by Council Member Wheeler with second by Council Member Ward to approve the East Gateway Preliminary Plat with the following conditions: Motion carried unanimously. (2018- 023)

- *An In-Depth Traffic Study Must Be Performed Which Must Include Patterns and All Surrounding Areas*
- *Review of Possible Emergency Egress Must Be Performed by The Fire Department and City Staff*
- *Storm Water Retention Ponds – Who (City, County, Developer) Will Be Responsible for The Maintenance of These Ponds Must Be Addressed and/or The Possibility of a Final Determination Must Be Made*
- *Road Construction and Improvements Must Be Addressed*

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Wheeler to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Establish a Joint Senior Services Board. Motion carried unanimously. (2018-024)

Motion by Council Member Wheeler with second by Council Member Ward to approve the bid from L.D. Dosca Associates for the total amount of \$1,175,000.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Pump and UV Plant Upgrade Project. Motion carried unanimously. (2018-025)

**Petitions and Communications continued**

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Veldheer to approve the recommended appointments of Teresa Kelly and John Hubert to the DDA Board for A one-year term each. Motion carried unanimously. (2018-026)

Discussion was held on the Future City Manager's position and the process in which the Council will use to fill the position. City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman recommended that the Council set the qualification's, and put together a job description with the assistance of City Manager, Steven Patrick. Ms. Borgman also recommended that the Council follow the Personnel Policy and the City Charter.

Mayor Crandle recommended that the Council hold a "Special Meeting" some time next week to discuss the process the wish to use to fill the position.

Council Member Ward suggested that they post the position and set a meeting for after the posting has been placed.

Council Member Bush stated that he would like to use the MML to assist in the process.

A "Special Meeting" will be held in the next week or two (2).

**Citizen Input and Suggestions**

John Hubert, Business Owner stated that he has spoken with our State Representative regarding the traffic issues on 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue that will need to be improved with the East Gateway Plat. Mr. Hubert stated that our State Representative has a person whom works in his office that has helped the City of Walker with their traffic issues that could also assist us and requested that we utilize these resources.

Tim Stroven, Resident, 79 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and property owner of the property on the north side of the East Gateway Plat requested that the City consider the enforcement of paved road shoulders instead of gravel shoulders when the road improvements are made for the East Gateway as he feels the paved shoulders will be safer, especially in the winter. Mr. Stroven also stated that he is glad to hear that the City Council recognizes the traffic issues that currently exist in the area.

Bonnie Peck, 15774 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue stated that from what she is hearing there will not be a truck-stop in the new East Gateway Development and that it will be more of a convenience type store with fueling islands. Ms. Peck stated that people will get use to the noise. Ms. Peck voiced her concerns over the proposed twelve (12) inch water-main and would like to know if it would provide enough water pressure to the users. Ms. Peck stated that it took her four (4) minutes to get out of her driveway tonight and that traffic is backed up a quarter-mile or more very often. Ms. Peck thanked the City for the requirement of a traffic study.

Fred Russo, Resident, 405 E. Cleveland inquired about who will be paying for the water-main and the sewer line and stated that with all the new development going on how was this going to affect the residents on Cleveland and in the Eagle Ridge Development. Mr. Russo stated that a study should be performed on the water pressure and the water towers as the City only has two (2) water towers to serve the residents. Mr. Russo also stated that Cleveland is already a truck route and by adding additional traffic it will just tear the streets up worse than it already is.

**City Manager's Report** - None

**City Clerk** - None

**City Treasurer's Report** - None

**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Ward with second by Council Member Wheeler to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M. (2018-027)

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Larry Crandle, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk