

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

**December 9, 2019**

**Present:** Council Member Bush                      Council Member Mooney  
Council Member Degeus                      Mayor Crandle  
Council Member Fynewever  
Council Member Lampe

**Absent:** Council Member Gavin

Motion by Council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Lampe to excuse the absence of Council Member Gavin. Motion carried unanimously. (2019-136)

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** None

**Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings**

**Public Hearing for Amendment to Ordinance 1040**

Motion by Council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Lampe to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M. or the Amendment to Ordinance 1040 Water Supply & Sewage Disposal System. Motion carried unanimously. (2019-137)

Deputy City Manager, Shay Gallagher explained that upon recent review of the City's Water Ordinance it was discovered that the ordinance was largely repealed in the 1980's when Ordinance 1046 was adopted, which is the ordinance that allows Council to set utility rates. Mr. Gallagher stated further that, in lacking a comprehensive water ordinance, the City has little liability to enforce certain aspects of the water system such as the Department of Public Utilities having the ability to inspect all connections to the water system, or that no one other than a City employee is authorized to turn a water system off or on. With the proposed amendments being applied to the ordinance, it will set in to place provisions that are standard for water systems today throughout the state. The amendment will also incorporate language pertaining to cross connections, which is mandated by EGLE (DEQ).

No public comments were presented.

**Citizen Input & Suggestions**

Sheriff Steve Kempker from the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department addressed Council regarding the many recent changes that the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department has encountered due to the retirement and promotions of several Staff Members which resulted in being the reason for the change in the Sergeant's position here at the Coopersville Branch. Sheriff Kempker stated that Sgt. Luce accepted the position of Administrative Sgt. at Headquarters, in which they feel he was the excellent fit for that position and that he will be a great asset with all the changes that are coming forth.

Sheriff Kempker thanked Sgt. Luce thanked him for his service to Coopersville and for all the extra efforts he put forth in organizing and attending events and all the fundraisers he held for many different community projects.

### **Citizen Input & Suggestions continued**

Sgt. Luce stated that it has been absolutely-wonderful, serving Coopersville and being a part of all the events and that he was thankful for all the friendships that he formed while serving Coopersville and that he appreciates everyone's support while he was here.

Sgt. Luce introduced his replacement, Sgt. Rick Sykes. Sgt. Luce stated that Sgt. Sykes has served here in Coopersville in the past and that he has a good rapport with everyone here.

Sgt. Rick Sykes introduced himself to the Council and informed them of his connection to Coopersville.

Sgt. Sykes stated that he jumped right at the position as soon as it was posted as he felt like it would be the right fit for him. His first job for Ottawa County Sheriff's Department was here in Coopersville working nights. He informed Council that he has connections here in Coopersville as a former NEOFORUM Officer, he coached wrestling here for eleven (11) years and his youngest daughter is involved with the Cheer Team here at Coopersville Area Public Schools. Sgt. Sykes stated that he will do his best to fill Denny's shoes.

Sheriff Kempker thanked City Manager Jonathan Seyferth for his concerns and support during the process.

City Manager Jonathan Seyferth stated that he did initially have some misgivings about the process but felt, in the end it went well. He also thanked the Sheriff and Undersheriff.

Jeff Cunningham, Resident and Project Manager for the Coopersville Area Public Schools Park informed the Council that they are working to bring their section of the North Bank Trail to fruition within the next couple of years.

Mr. Cunningham also spoke regarding the need for the City to have the Recreation Master Plan completed, in order, for the school to apply for grants for further development of the park and trails at the school that are owned by both the school and the City. Mr. Cunningham urged everyone to visit the park and the trails to see what accomplishments have been made.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Lampe to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2019-138)

- ***Minutes of the City Council meeting of November 11, 2019***
- ***Tiles Excavating Payment 7, Lawton Lane Reconstruction project***
- ***Triangle Associates Payment 2, Pump Station Improvements***
- ***Triangle Associates Payment 2, Third Clarifier Project***
- ***Checks through 12/09/19 totaling \$1,084,777.13***
- ***Council Information packet***

### **Petitions and Communications**

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Mooney to approve the proposed 2020 City Boards Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously. (2019-139)

Motion by Council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the proposed Headworks Study on the wastewater flows and loadings to be completed by the end of January 2020, by OMM Engineering totaling \$15,900. Motion carried unanimously. (2019-139)

Motion by council Member Bush with second by Council Member Mooney to approve the Contract Award for the Recreation Master Plan to MC Smith & Associates totaling \$6,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2019-140)

**Petitions and Communications continued**

Motion by Council Member Fynewever with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the following Board Appointments: Motion carried unanimously. (2019-141)

- Steve Lampe – Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Brian Mooney – Council Representative to the Recreation Board

Discussion was held on the amendments to Ordinance 1040. Mayor Crandle stated that he did not see anything in the amendments that he would not approve. The final draft will be presented at the January 2020 meeting.

City Manager Jonathan Seyferth explained that the State has changed the budget publication requirements for the Downtown Development Authorities Annual Report and Budget Review Reports. Downtown Development Authority will no longer be required to publish these reports. The City's current Ordinance 270.07 Fiscal Year; Adoption of Budget requires the publications. By amending the Ordinance, the Downtown Development Authority will follow the State guidelines. A Public Hearing will be held at the January 2020 meeting.

**Citizen Input and Suggestions** None

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager, Jonathan Seyferth reported on the following:

- *Article in the Coopersville Observer on the Sergeant changes*
- *Discussion with Deputy City Manager Shay Gallagher on allowing residents to opt out of having Smart Meters*
- *First Year for Circle of Trees. About sixty (60) people attended and they sang Christmas Carols*
- *DDA & Chamber Directors outdid themselves on the Pocket Park Tree this year*
- *Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> he will be speaking at an Economic Development meeting in Lansing*

**City Clerk's Report** None

**City Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Keri Beth Rogers welcomed Sgt. Sykes back to Coopersville

**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Fynewever to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M. (2019-142)

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Larry Crandle, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk