

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

February 10, 2020

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

Absent: None

Additions/Corrections to Agenda None

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings None

Citizen Input & Suggestions

Lee Fisher, Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Ottawa County was present and announced his candidacy for Ottawa County Prosecutor in 2020.

Consent Agenda

Motion by council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Mooney to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-011)

- *Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 13, 2020*
- *Triangle Associates Payment 4, Lift Station Improvements*
- *Triangle Associates Payment 4, Third Clarifier Project*
- *Quarterly Financials*
- *Fire Station Funds Transfer*
- *Checks through 02/10/2020 totaling \$1,393,528.46*
- *Council Information packet*

Petitions and Communications

City Manager, Jonathan Seyferth presented an informational update to the Small Cell Wireless/DAS Ordinance and the amendments that are forthcoming.

Mr. Seyferth stated that the Planning Commission has been reviewing amendments to the City's current Small Cell Wireless/DAS Zoning Ordinance as well as adding a General Ordinance due to the State Legislature passing Public Act 365 in 2018.

No action was taken.

City Manager, Jonathan Seyferth presented the Council with a "Summary of Request" on the turnover of grinder pumps.

Mr. Seyferth informed the Council that the City currently has twenty-two (22) properties with grinder pumps on private property. Several of these properties have had issues with these pumps which results in additional cost to the City.

Petitions and Communications continued

Staff has been discussing the logistics of turning over the responsibility of these grinder pumps to the property owners because with staff and contractors responding to calls to service the grinder pumps, the City is subsidizing the operation on the private side of the sewer line for a small number of residents, which in turn takes a significant amount of staff time to address. By turning the responsibility over to the property owners, it will allow staff to better focus on operations that impact all residents and ratepayers equally.

Two (2) options were presented to the Council Members.

Option 1 - Plan to replace the grinder pumps over a three (3) to five (5) year period where the City buys and installs new grinder pumps at each property. At the time the new pump is installed, responsibility for its maintenance and upkeep is transferred to the property owner. This option would include the city paying for both the pump and the install.
Option 2- The City would purchase all 22 grinder pumps in the same year and give those to the property owners and allow them to install the grinders when needed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

	Cost for Grinders	Cost for Install	Total
Option 1	\$2,782.95*	\$600**	\$76,906.00 (over 3 to 5 years)
Option 2	\$2,782.95*	\$0.00	\$61,224.90 (in 1 year)

*Cost per grinder \$2,782.95 (this cost will likely increase by 2% to 3% per year)

** Estimated install cost per grinder \$600.00 without vac truck, \$700.00 with vac truck. This is based on the City’s preferred vendors. Property owners can contract with whomever they like, and the costs could be less, or the property owner could replace on their own.

Council Member Bush inquired as to why we would pay for the grinder pumps, and City Manager Jonathan Seyferth stated that we need to make a stand on this issue.

Council Member Gavin asked if we could update the ordinance.

Discussion was held on what the current ordinance states on this matter. Mr. Seyferth stated that the ordinance regarding grinder pumps state that they are the responsibility of the property owners.

Council Member Mooney suggested that letters be sent out to the property owners explaining that the City would be enforcing the ordinance on the grinder pumps, and, also to see what kind of push back we receive on this matter if any. Council Members were in favor of Council Member Mooney’s suggestion.

Council Member Gavin suggested that a list of contractors be sent to the property owners that they could call for service if needed.

City Manager Jonathan Seyferth will prepare and send a letter to the property owners explain what is forthcoming on the grinder pumps.

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Mooney to approve the participation in the Regional Biosolids Study and to authorize the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ottawa County Road Commission and approval of the allocation of \$20,465.04 to the engineering study. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-012)

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Bush to approve the Ordinance for the East Gateway M-PUD Development Standards. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-013)

Motion by Council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Fynewever to approve the bid, totaling \$74,999.00 from Fedewa, Incorporated, to paint the East Street water tower. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-014)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Mooney to approve the Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance 270.07, Fiscal Year; Adoption of the DDA Budget. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-015)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Bush to approve the Sublease of Contract for the Building Authority/Fire Authority. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-016)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the recommendation by Mayor Crandle to appoint Tim Degeus to replace him as an Alternate on the Fire Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously. (2020-017)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

A new City Resident asked what M-PUD stands for. Mayor Crandle explained.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Jonathan Seyferth reported on the following:

- Thanked Deputy Sampson for being in attendance
- Informed the Council that if an Employee is served a Subpoena and it is work related then they will be covered by the City as far as time off and pay. If the Subpoena is not work related, then the employee would be required to use Personal Time
- Road Funding is slightly increasing
- Capital Improvement Plan has been updated
- Headworks Study has been completed. OMM is requesting that the State grants the City a slight increase in our loadings
- Westshore will be submitting a quote to repair the siren at City Hall. It appears there is a programming issue

City Clerk's Report None

City Treasurer's Report None

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Mooney with second by Council Member Fynewever to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M. (2020 - 018)

Larry Crandle, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk