

CITY OF COOPERSVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 27, 2009

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

Present: Council member Vander Kolk Council member Sprague
 Council member Scherff Council member Whitman
 Council member Crandle Council member Meintsma
 Mayor Bush

Absent: None

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Meintsma to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 13, 2009. Carried unanimously. (2009-087)

Mayoral Proclamations were presented to Chad Borgman, Haley Abbas, Robert Myers, and Cameron Berg in honor of their participation and achievement in the Ottawa Area Regional Spelling Bee.

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Sprague to open the public hearing to hear comments on the request for an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption from Continental Dairy Products, Inc. located at 999 W. Randall Street, Coopersville, Michigan for new real & personal property and to transfer the existing IFT certificate #2007-244. Carried unanimously. (2009-088)

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 P.M.

Mike Draper of Crowe Horwath LLP presented an overview of Continental Dairy Products, Inc., the proposed project and their investment potential.

William Kratz, Business Development Manager for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, stated that they support this proposed project and the IFT requests as presented. The State has also committed itself to this project through various tax incentives as well.

Ken Rizzio, Director of the Ottawa County Economic Development Office, expressed the County's endorsement of this project and the IFT requests. Mr. Rizzio also stated that, unlike the automotive industry, the food processing industry is more recession resistant which lends itself to being a long lasting, contributing member of the community.

Cindy Timmerman, Coopersville Chamber of Commerce Director, stated her support for the granting of the IFT.

After all present were afforded an opportunity to be heard, motion by Council member Sprague and second by Council member Vander Kolk to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously. (2009-089)

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 P.M.

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Crandle to approve the mayoral proclamation designating May 2009 as Older Americans Month. Carried unanimously. (2009-090)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Whitman to approve Continental Dairy Products, Inc.'s request to transfer the Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate #1997-244 from Delphi Automotive Systems to Continental Dairy Products, Inc. for real property. Motion carries with Crandle voting no. (2009-091)

Motion by Council member Scherff with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve Continental Dairy Products, Inc.'s request for an Industrial Facilities Tax exemption for new real property totaling \$41,000,000 for 12 years. Motion carries with Crandle voting no. (2009-092)

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve Continental Dairy Products, Inc.'s request for an Industrial Facilities Tax exemption for new personal property totaling \$49,800,000 for 12 years. Motion carries with Crandle voting no. (2009-093)

Motion by Council member Scherff with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve payment on the invoice from Lemmen & Lemmen PLC for court services totaling \$632.25. Carried unanimously (2009-094)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Meintsma to approve payment on the invoice from OMM Engineering, Inc. for services in connection with the redevelopment of 999 W. Randall St. totaling \$3,947.00. Carried unanimously. (2009-095)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Sprague to approve payment on the invoice from Ottawa County for Communities that Care for March 2009 totaling \$4,220.39. Carried unanimously. (2009-096)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Crandle to approve payment on the invoice from Ottawa County for March policing services totaling \$39,230.85. Carried unanimously. (2009-097)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve the checks written for the period ending April 27, 2009 totaling \$397,704.02. Carried unanimously. (2009-098)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Sprague to adopt a resolution transferring 25% of \$18,747.48 or \$4,686.87 from Major Roads to Local Roads. Carried unanimously. (2009-099)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Vander Kolk to receive and file the Council information packet, which contains: Advanced Newspapers 3/30/09 article, "Coopersville city manager plans blog;" Associated Press 4/7/09 article, "Stimulus money could give boost to proposed Coopersville milk-processing plant;" Grand Rapids Press 4/14/09 articles, "Coopersville is 'ecstatic' about powdered milk operation pegged for vacant Delphi plant, city manager says," and "Indiana dairy co-op considers vacant Delphi plant in Coopersville;" Grand Rapids Business Journal articles, 3/9/09 "Developers: Stop spreading the news," and 3/23/09 "Engineering the river's edge: New designs are being considered for the riverwalk and downtown square;" and Northeast Ottawa District Library meeting minutes of 3/18/09. Carried unanimously. (2009-100)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Vander Kolk to adjourn. Carried unanimously. (2009-101)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor

Stephanie L. Pelkey, City Clerk