

CITY OF COOPERSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 8, 2009

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

Present: Council member Sprague Council member Whitman
Council member Crandle Council member Meintsma
Mayor Bush

Absent: Council member Vander Kolk Council member Scherff

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Sprague to excuse the absence of Council members Vander Kolk and Scherff. Carried unanimously. (2009-113)

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Whitman to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 11, 2009. Carried unanimously. (2009-114)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Meintsma to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation as permitted under Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Motion carries with the following roll call vote:

Yea – Council members Sprague, Whitman, Crandle, Meintsma, Mayor Bush
Nay – None
Abstain – None
Absent – Council members Vander Kolk and Scherff

(2009-115)

Session was closed to the public at 7:06 P.M.

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Whitman to reconvene to the regular City Council meeting. Carried unanimously. (2009-116)

Session was opened to the public at 7:27 P.M.

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Sprague to 1) amend the City Council minutes of December 8, 2008 and January 26, 2009, which were previously adopted, to reflect, clarify and reenact, relative to matters 2008-267 and 2009-027, that the closed session, in each instance, was for purposes of discussing with legal counsel a written privileged and confidential legal opinion, as permitted under Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act; 2) amend the corresponding minutes for the closed sessions accordingly; and 3) vote by roll call on this motion. Motion carries with the following roll call vote:

Yea – Council members Sprague, Whitman, Crandle, Meintsma, Mayor Bush
Nay – None
Abstain – None
Absent – Council members Vander Kolk and Scherff

(2009-117)

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Meintsma to approve payment on the invoices from Law Weathers & Richardson for general municipal and general litigation totaling \$1,523.95. Carried unanimously. (2009-118)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Whitman to approve payment on the invoice from Ottawa County for April Communities that Cares totaling \$4,540.46. Carried unanimously. (2009-119)

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Sprague to approve payment on the invoice from Ottawa County for April policing services totaling \$41,884.57. Carried unanimously. (2009-120)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Meintsma to approve the checks written for the period ending June 8, 2009 totaling \$206,832.72. Carried unanimously. (2009-121)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Cradle to adopt a resolution transferring 25% of \$14,283.54 or \$3,570.89 from Major Roads to Local Roads. Carried unanimously. (2009-122)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Meintsma to adopt a resolution transferring 25% of \$15,173.67 or \$3,793.42 from Major Roads to Local Roads. Carried unanimously. (2009-123)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Meintsma to approve payment on the invoice from Michigan Municipal League for 2009–2010 dues totaling \$2,403.00. Carried unanimously. (2009-124)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Whitman to reappoint the following: Clint Maki to the Board of Review for a term of 3 years; Ken Bush, Jamie Eldred, Mark Kibben, Joel Meintsma, and John Scherff to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term of 2 years; Peggy O’Dea and Ward Verseput to the Downtown Development Authority for a term of 4 years; Jim Alberts to the Coopersville Area District Library Board for a term of 4 years; Ben Berrington, Michael Karbon, Pat Kelly, Doug Kroll, Hamilton McGarey, Stan Sikkema, Bob Smith, Lisa Adams, and Ken Bush to the Recreation Board for a term of 1 year. Carried unanimously. (2009-125)

Received an update from City Manager Steven Patrick on the application process for USDA low interest loans.

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Whitman to adopt a resolution demanding that federal recovery funds be used to assist local government budgets. Carried unanimously. (2009-126)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Whitman to receive and file the Council information packet, which contains: May 12, 2009 letter from Telecommunications Division of DELEG regarding video/cable complaint resolution; May 19, 2009 Consumers Energy letter about upcoming work schedule; May 28, 2009 United Way letter regarding NEO Forum allocation; June 1, 2009 letter from Coopersville Area District Library regarding name change; Advance Newspapers 5/18/09 article, “Coopersville mayor to face challengers;” Grand Rapids Press 5/13/09 article, “Two mayoral seats are up for grabs;” Permits issued for May 2009; Historical Society June 2009 newsletter; Draft Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of 5/12/09; and Coopersville—Polkton Fire report for April 2009 with proposed budget. Carried unanimously. (2009-127)

City Manager report –

- Fitch Ratings has affirmed the City of Coopersville’s A+ Bond rating after conducting a routine surveillance. Fitch states that “The ‘A+’ rating reflects strong financial management by the city, characterized by ample reserves and multi-year financial forecasting.”
- The transfer of Campus Drive from a private road (CAPS) to a public road (City) is moving forward.
- The pending sale of the last portion of the Lemmen Building is still moving forward as well, we are in the process of getting concrete dates in order to complete the sale.
- Thank you to Ron Veldman, Sue Schmidt for spear heading the volunteer downtown beautification project that took place over the weekend.

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Cradle to adjourn. Carried unanimously. (2009-128)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor

Stephanie L. Pelkey, City Clerk