

CITY OF COOPERSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

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

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

Absent: Council member Vander Kolk

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Scherff to excuse the absence of Council member Vander Kolk. Carried unanimously. (2008-240)

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Scherff to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 27, 2008. Carried unanimously. (2008-241)

Al Vanderberg, Ottawa County Administrator, discussed the restructuring of the Ottawa County Health Services and what it means for the Coopersville location on Randall Street.

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Whitman to open the public hearing on Aggressive Tool & Die, Inc.'s request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for real and personal property totaling \$1,391,814 for a period of 12 years. Carried unanimously. (2008-242)

The public hearing was opened at 7:11 P.M.

Greg Wiersma, Aggressive Tool & Die, Inc. stated that their application for the Tool & Die Renaissance Recovery Tax abatement (T&DT) was denied by the State Tax Commission (STC). The STC denied the application because it requires that the applicable business must be at least 75% operational at the time of application to the STC. Mr. Wiersma stated that they are still in the midst of constructing their new facility and cannot meet these requirements for the T&DT Abatement, but they do meet the requirements for an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) abatement.

Ken Rizzio, Ottawa County Economic Development Authority, stated that when and if Aggressive Tool & Die qualifies for the T&DT abatement, they will apply to the city and state again and if granted the T&DT abatement will supersede the IFT abatement.

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 Whitman and second by Council member Sprague to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously. (2008-243)

The public hearing was closed at 7:21 P.M.

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Scherff to approve Aggressive Tool & Die, Inc.'s request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for real property totaling \$1,026,814 for a period of 12 years. Carried unanimously. (2008-244)

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Meintsma to approve Aggressive Tool & Die, Inc.'s request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for personal property totaling \$365,000 for a period of 12 years. Motion carries with Sprague voting no. (2008-245)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Scherff to approve payment on the invoices from Law Weathers & Richardson for E. Randall Street S.A.D. (\$435.00), general litigation (\$4,596.50), and general municipal (\$1,728.14) totaling \$6,759.64. Carried unanimously. (2008-246)

Motion by Council member Scherff with second by Council member Sprague to approve payment on the invoice from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for water supply fee totaling \$1,003.10. Motion carries with Crandle voting no. (2008-247)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Scherff to approve payment on the invoices from OMM Engineering, Inc. for water reliability study (\$405.00), and for reporting services (\$405.00) totaling \$810.00. Carried unanimously. (2008-248)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Scherff to approve payment on the invoice from Ottawa County Economic Development Office for the Saturn CDBG application totaling \$6,500.00. Carried unanimously. (2008-249)

Motion by Council member Scherff with second by Council member Sprague to approve the checks written for the period ending November 10, 2008 totaling \$167,566.73. Carried unanimously. (2008-250)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Crandle to receive and file the Council information packet, which contains: Grand Rapids Press articles, 10/28/08 “New names eyed for schools,” 10/29/08 “News briefs for October 29,” and “Ottawa County seeks millage for road projects;” Coopersville Area Community Foundation fund statement through 9/30/08; Coopersville—Polkton Fire Authority Sept. 2008 report; Planning Commission minutes of 10/20/08; October 2008 permits issued; Historical Society November 2008 newsletter; Media Advisory; and Rehmann BWD summer 2008 article, “Transitional Thinking: Q&A on Managing Change.” Carried unanimously. (2008-251)

Motion by Council member Sprague with second by Council member Meintsma to adjourn. Carried unanimously. (2008-252)

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor

Stephanie L. Pelkey, City Clerk