

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

MARCH 8, 2010

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

Present: Council member Allen Council member Crandle
Council member Lloyd Council member Meintsma
Council member Vander Kolk Council member Whitman
Mayor Bush

Absent: None

There were approximately 48 guests present with standing room only.

There was one addition to the agenda.

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Lloyd to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 22, 2010. Carried unanimously. (2010-047)

Mayor Bush presented new Eagle Scouts David Brown, Ryan Cronk and David Taylor with proclamations commending their achievements. He praised their contributions to our community and expressed the city's appreciation to them, their families, and the Boy Scout Troop 4 leaders present.

Mayor Bush opened the floor for citizens' comments.

Steve Cooper, CS Facilities, thanked Mayor Bush, City Manager Steven Patrick and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director/Downtown Development authority Marketing Director Cynthia Timmerman for their cooperative effort in assisting with the development of Continental Dairy's Coopersville venture.

Cynthia Timmerman, Executive Director of the Coopersville Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Director of the Downtown Development Authority, commended the new Eagle Scouts and told them that when business leaders see "Eagle Scout" on a resume they move it to the top of the stack.

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Whitman to approve the invoice from OMM Engineering for NPDES permit totaling \$777.00. Carried unanimously. (2010-048)

Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Allen to approve the invoice from Ottawa County for January Communities That Care totaling \$5,209.86. Carried unanimously. (2010-049)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve invoice from Ottawa County for a budget advance for 2010 policing services totaling \$2,887.00. Carried unanimously. (2010-050)

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Meintsma to approve the invoice from Ottawa County for Haz-Mat Response/Technical Rescue Team Final Invoice for second half 2009 totaling \$240.99. Carried unanimously. (2010–051)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve the invoice from Ottawa County for January policing services totaling \$40,452.66. Carried unanimously. (2010–052)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Lloyd to approve checks written for period ending March 8, 2010 totaling \$428,093.93. Carried unanimously. (2010–053)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Crandle or Whitman to approve adopt resolution transferring 25% of \$14,054.51 or \$3,513.63 for January 2010 from Major Roads to Local Roads. Carried unanimously. (2010–054)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Whitman to postpone action on retaining attorney George Davis until after budget discussions. Motion failed with Council members Vander Kolk, Lloyd, Meintsma, Crandle and Mayor Bush dissenting. (2010–055)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Meintsma to approve contracting with attorney George Davis to update and amend Chapter 1045 Sewage Disposal System. Carried unanimously. (2010–056)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve the rate increase on city water passed on to Coopersville from Ottawa County. Carried unanimously. (2010–057)

City Manager Steven Patrick reported on the current status of bonding for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. He discussed these sources:

- ✦ Community Development Block Grant through Michigan Economic Development Corporation for 2.4 million;
- ✦ USDA Rural Development Agreement for 6.4 million; and
- ✦ Recovery Zone Economic Development (these are from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) of which 31 million is available through the private sector and 20.6 million through the public sector. Ottawa County is administering these funds and indicates that we are eligible to apply for them, and that they have a better rate.

He reported that we have received preliminary figures from OMM Engineering for the project but are now in need of a financial analyst that will be able to provide more specific calculations including determining the proposed surcharge to Continental Dairy in order to secure the release of the 2.4 million MEDC funds that have been awarded to this project.

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Whitman to approve the financial advisor agreement for the issuing of USDA Rural Development bonds with Thomas Enright and Leonard Capital Markets. Carried unanimously. (2010–058)

Mayor Bush recommended Council Members Lloyd, Crandle and Vander Kolk serve as a Financial Committee to review and oversee the WWTP bonding issues. Motion by Council member Whitman with second by Council member Allen to approve the Mayor's recommendation for financial committee appointments. Carried unanimously. (2010-059)

Mayor Bush reported that due to recent reductions with the Northeast Ottawa Council on Aging's services to area seniors, he has been involved with an effort to reinstate their recreation program through Polkton, Wright and Chester townships and the city. Through the collaboration of these four municipalities and area churches they have established a workable plan that asks Coopersville to host the financial obligations at no cost to the city.

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to permit the Council on Aging's recreation program to be under the city's financial control at no cost to the city. Carried unanimously with Council Member Crandle abstaining. (2010-060)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to receive and file the council information packet which contains: a resolution from Ottawa County regarding unfunded state mandates; *Grand Rapids Business Journal* 2/8/10 article, "Stimulus bonds curbed by lack of credit;" draft Downtown Development Authority minutes of 2/9/10; Historical Society March 2010 Newsletter; permits issued for February 2010; Ottawa County Emergency Management invitation to 2010 Skywarn Spotter Training; and the Ottawa County 2/2010 Update. Carried unanimously. (2010-061)

City manager Steven Patrick reported :

- ✦ Karen Lauters is out on a medical leave this month—we wish her a speedy recovery;
- ✦ Aquinas College Professor Kathy Kremer and some of her students were here recently to learn why Coopersville is successful with economic development in spite of the challenges we face;
- ✦ it has been enjoyable to work with Continental Dairy, and that they have been open, honest, and cooperative. They will be a good corporate citizen; and
- ✦ "Well done!" to the Eagle Scouts.

Council members voiced their hearty congratulations to the Eagle Scouts and thanked them and their families and scoutmasters for their dedication and support.

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Lloyd to adjourn. Carried unanimously. (2010-062)

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor