

City of Coopersville
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall, 289 Danforth St.; Coopersville, Michigan

February 13, 2012

Mayor Ken 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 Ward
 Mayor Bush

Absent: None

Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Allen to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 23, 2012 with corrections: Council member Crandle asked for a correction to the final vote on the Sewer Ordinance Amendment of Chapter 1045 on January 23rd. Council member Crandle stated that he abstained from the vote on this amendment. Carried unanimously. (Correction was not made to the January 23rd minutes due to the process in which this was done. According to City Charter, Section 7.5 (h) a Council member shall vote on all questions unless the question will have a direct personal financial interest effect, other than a citizen of the community, but on all other questions he shall vote, unless excused there from by a vote of at least four members of Council. A vote was not taken by Council on January 23rd to excuse any Council member from voting on any questions). A correction should now be made to this action for allowing a change or correction to be made to a previous action that was against City Charter. (2012-027) **Correction to these minutes made on 2/27/12: Motion was made by Council member Allen with second by Council member Crandle to amend the minutes of February 13th to state that the January 23rd minutes were accepted as written. Carried unanimously.**

Scheduled Guests— Public Hearing—Reeves Plastics, LLC

Motion by Council member Crandle with second by Council member Lloyd to open the public hearing to review Reeves Plastics request for an Industrial Facilities Tax exemption on personal property. Carried unanimously. Public hearing opened at 7:04 P.M. (2012-028)

Dave and Sharon Reeves presented the purpose of their request to City Council members explaining the current nature of their business and that due to proprietary reasons they could not expose the information explaining what new jobs the recently purchased machines would be processing. The new equipment will add two (2) employees. Reeves Plastics currently employs twenty one (21) full time employees.

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Meintsma to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 7:08 P.M. (2012-029)

Citizens Input & Suggestions — I

Mike Schmidt, Resident and Planning Commission Chairman addressed Council on the sign ordinance issues. Mr. Schmidt explained that the Planning Commission has been working towards forming sub committees to address the sign ordinance. Mr. Schmidt inquired as to how large of an issue has the ordinance become, should it be a high priority at this time, and if not then he felt that the Comprehensive Plan needed to address more urgently than the sign ordinance. Council member Vander Kolk stated that he felt we should get the current ordinance pared down to much smaller scale than we currently have.

Dan Cooke, Resident, inquired about the lighting in the Round About. Mr. Cooke stated that he has brought this same issue up to Council five (5) times and he also stated that he would like the issue to be placed on the agenda and a resolution to be reached.

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Lloyd to approve the resolution for Reeves Plastics, LLC Industrial Facilities Tax exemption for personal property totaling \$75,443.00 for twelve (12) years. Motion carried with Council members Ward and Crandle opposing. (2012–030)

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Allen to approve payment on invoice from Lemmen & Lemmen for court services totaling \$562.50. Carried unanimously. (2012–031)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve payment on invoices from OMM Engineering for Water Main crossing Grand River, \$1,101.00, WWTP upgrades, \$31,679.14, Randall Street improvements, \$391.50, 64th Avenue sidewalk, \$202.50, invoices totaling \$33,374.14. Carried unanimously. (2012–032)

Motion by Council member Meintsma with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve payment on invoice from Ottawa County for January Communities That Care totaling \$5,113.05. Carried unanimously. (2012–033)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by Council member Vander Kolk to approve payment on invoice from Ottawa County for January policing services totaling \$43,057.50. Carried unanimously. (2012–034)

Motion by Council member Allen with second by council member Vander Kolk to approve payment on checks written for period ending February 13, 2012 totaling \$668,037.94. Carried unanimously. (2012–035)

Discussion was held on video recording City Council meetings. Council member Ward stated that the cost to implement the equipment and to post on “you tube” should be relatively inexpensive. Discussion was held on the City’s access to cable companies and channels. City Manager, Steven Patrick explained that the City gave up the rights to the channels to pass along a savings to residents of the City that utilize the cable company’s services. Council member Meintsma addressed the issue of the cost and responsibility of administration to maintain such recording processes. Council members instructed the City Manager to gather further information and to obtain the cost to implement and maintain the equipment.

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to go into “Closed Session” at 7:30 P.M. to discuss written legal opinion of counsel as permitted under Michigan’s Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. Roll Call Vote was taken by City Clerk. Motion carried. (2012-036)

Roll Call:

Yeas: Meintsma, Ward, Vander Kolk, Lloyd, Mayor Bush

Nays: Cradle, Allen

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to close the “Closed Session” at 8:03 P.M. and to resume to the “Open Session” of the regular meeting. Carried unanimously. (2012-037)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Ward to have legal opinion discussed in closed session, sent to our State Representative or State Senator for submittal to the State Attorney General for review and/or action. Motion carried with Council members Vander Kolk, Allen, and Cradle opposing. (2012-038)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to receive and file Council information which consists of: draft Ace Communications Group notice; Coopersville Area Community Foundation Recreation Fund 2011 statement; Historical Society’s February newsletter; January permits issued. Carried unanimously. (2012–039)

Citizens Input & Suggestions — II None

City Manager’s Report

- City Manager, Steven Patrick informed Council that the No. 1 Blower at the WWTP is operating and publicly applauded Consumers Energy for their assistance with this project.
- Mr. Patrick informed Council that he and Steve Luke met recently with the DEQ and the County Health Department in regards to the “boil water” alert. Mr. Patrick will be presenting a proposal to Council for an alert system to be used for water alerts in the future for residents and business owners.

Adjourn

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Lloyd to adjourn meeting. Carried unanimously. (2012–040)

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk