

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

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

Present:

Council member Crandle	Council member Vander Kolk
Council member Lloyd	Council member Ward
Council member Meintsma	Mayor Bush

Absent:

None

Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Meintsma to approve the August 27, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried. (2012-177)

Scheduled Guests None

Citizen Input & Suggestions

Larry Hard of the Coopersville Merchants stated that the members of the Coopersville Merchants felt that Jodie Allen was provoked by Sue Schmidt during the meeting for which she was censured by City Council. Mr. Hard stated that Jodie was verbally assaulted and needled by Sue Schmidt and that he regrets not speaking out loud for Jodie during the meeting in which she was censured. Mr. Hard stated that he felt Jodie was very helpful and eager to see the downtown thrive. Mr. Hard also stated that it has been nine (9) months and we still do not have any wayfaring signs.

Mike Schmidt, resident and Planning Commission Chairman stated that it was too bad that Jodie Allen could not fulfill her term on the City Council and with a new member coming onto Council now would be a good time to revisit the implementation of some written rules or code of conduct and to officially adopt Roberts Rules of Order.

Adrian Brown, resident stated that he felt Jodie needs help at this time and that the Council should consist of half women and that he also felt that everyone has made a big mistake.

Petitions & Communications

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council member Ward to approve payment on checks written for period ending September 10, 2012 totaling \$358,481.19. Motion carried. (2012-178)

Petitions & Communications continued

Motion by Council member Meintsma with second by Council member Lloyd to approve resolution to extend the Medical Marihuana Moratorium an additional six (6) months. Motion carried. (2012–179)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Meintsma to approve the extension of the current contracts for the City Clerk and the City Treasurer until June 2013 in order to have each of the appointed officials contract on the same schedule. Motion carried. (2012–180)

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Meintsma to accept the Mayor’s recommendation for Council appointment of Marilyn Fisher to fill in for the remainder of Jodie Allen’s term which expires November 2013.

Discussion was held with Council member Crandle stating that he did not know Marilyn Fisher, he was sure she is a nice lady, he still did not like the entire situation and process.

Mayor Bush stated that in order to avoid situations like these for which the majority of the Council may not be in favor, procedures needed to be put into place, as he had attempted to accomplish several months ago. Motion carried with Council member Crandle opposing. (2012–181)

City Manager, Steven Patrick presented and reviewed the written Capital Improvement Program with Council members.

Council Information

Motion by Council member Lloyd with second by Council member Vander Kolk to receive and file council information which consists of: Allied Waste/Republic Services 2012 City of Coopersville Recycling Calendar and Recycling Quick Guide; Historical Society September newsletter; August permits issued. Motion carried. (2012–182)

Citizens Input & Suggestions

Andrew Wilson, resident, stated that the Mayor had approached him in regard to his videotaping of the meetings and stated that the Mayor told him he is not allowed to move around during the meeting and if he did he would have him removed as it is a violation of the Open Meetings Act because moving around causes a disruption of the meetings. Mr. Wilson challenged that law and stated that he has researched and found that to not be true. Mr. Wilson also stated that he was approached and condemned by the Sgt. of the Police Department for recording the meetings.

Sgt. Luce stated that the Benefit for Bill Taylor went very well, stating further what a great community Coopersville is.

Jan VerBerkmoes, President of the Coopersville Merchants stated that she felt there was a better way to fill Jodie Allen's position, and that would be to give the position to the person who ran in the last election.

Citizens Input & Suggestions continued

Gloria Smith, resident, stated that she agreed with Jan VerBerkmoes, and that she doesn't like what she sees, and people need to open their eyes.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Steven Patrick reported that he met with Prein&Newhof to discuss hiring them to perform a study and review the comments from the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner for accuracy relating to the tiling of fields and the flow of water going into the County drains to determine if there's anything the City can do. Mr. Patrick informed Council members that Prein&Newhof will be submitting a quote.

Mr. Patrick reported on the wastewater treatment plant tour that was held on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Mr. Patrick stated that it was a very small turn out and they are looking into the possibility of scheduling another tour at a later date.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman confirmed with Council members that the first meeting for Marilyn Fisher will be September 24, 2012 and the Clerk also informed Council members that with the appointment of Marilyn Fisher to the Council, a new alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals would be needed.

Adjournment

Motion by Council member Vander Kolk with second by Council Member Lloyd to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. (2012-183)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Kenneth L. Bush, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk