

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

December 13, 2021

Present: Council Member Bush Council Member Weise
Council Member Degeus Mayor Young
Council Member Gavin
Council Member Gerard

Absent: Council Member Lampe

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to excuse the absence of Council Member Lampe. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-138)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings NONE

Citizens Input and Suggestions NONE

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-139)

- ***Minutes of the City Council meeting of November 08, 2021***
- ***Checks through 12/13/2021 totaling \$1,019,193.01***
- ***Council Information packet***

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Asset Test/Poverty Exemption Policy for 2022. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-140)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Degeus to receive and file the Audit Report and Single Audit Report for FY2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-141)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the Resolution to increase the water rates by 3.56% and increase the sewer rates by 3.74% effective January 1, 2022. The water rate after the increase will be \$3.366 per 100 cubic feet of usage and the sewer rate after the increase will be 2.805 per 100 cubic feet. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-142)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve the quote received from Triple Point to replace the aerator membranes in Aeration Pond One (1) for a total price of \$90,100.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-143)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the one-year contract extension with Hydro Corp at a total cost of \$7,725.00 for the Cross Connection Control program inspection, reporting, and management services to the city. Motion carried unanimously (2021-144)

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the appointments of Council Member Bush and Council Member Degeus to the Fire Authority Board and the appointment of Resident, Paul Bell as an Alternate to the Fire Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-145)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Jeannine Reynolds to the Planning Commission as a regular member. Motion carried with Council Member Gerard opposing. (2021-146)

**Note: Upon further review of the City Charter requirements, on the day following this meeting it was discovered that Jeannine Reynolds has not been a resident of the City for one (1) year or longer at the time of her appointment. The inability to meet this requirement disqualifies Ms. Reynolds from being appointed to any city board/commission at this time.*

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the appointment of Peter Ryder to the Board of Review as a regular member. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-147)

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Bush to approve the appointment of Yonne Manus to the Board of Review as an Alternate. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-148)

**Note: Upon further review of the City Charter requirements, on the day following this meeting it was discovered that Yvonne Manus is not registered voter of the City which is a City Charter requirement at the time of appointment to any city board/commission. The inability to meet this requirement disqualifies Ms. Manus from being appointed to any city board/commission at this time.*

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Anthony Henry to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-149)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Bush to approve the two (2) quotes received from Plummer's Environmental Services totaling \$41,730.00 to perform sanitary point repairs to rehabilitate sewer and water pipes internally without having to dig up the surface and the roadway to access the pipe. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-150)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bush to approve the quote from Northwest Kent to replace the aeration membrane at a total cost of \$42,962.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-151)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to approve Northwest Kent to replace the Main Lift Station Pump at a total cost of \$69,149.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-152)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Resident, Bob LaCrosse inquired as to how much lead piping is still in the city. Treasurer, Keribeth Rogers and City Manager Dennis Luce stated that the city was currently doing a study to find out.

Jan Ver Berkmoes, DDA Board Member addressed the Council on how the hiring process was handled on the recent hiring of DDA Administrative/Marketing personnel, Kate Terpstra. Kate was interviewed and hired by a DDA Committee, and the final decision was not brought to the DDA Board for approval prior to hiring Kate. Jan inquired by asking if the Council has already approved the hiring of Kate, or, if/when, they would be discussing and deciding on who was going to be hired.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *Great job to everyone that assisted with the Christmas Parade. Great turnout!*
- *Timer has been set on the music on Main Street from 9 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.*
- *Leaving Saturday December 18th on vacation for two (2) weeks. Will have his phone and computer with him if anyone needs to contact him*
- *Kate Terpstra was hired as the new DDA Marketing & Economical Administrator. The DDA Committee made the final decision to hire Ms. Terpstra*

City Manager's Report continued

- *DPU (Department of Public Utilities) interviews took place last week. There are three (3) finalists. Second round interviews will be held next week*
- *Grand Rapids is shutting down the Lake Michigan Drive Filtration Plant on Tuesday morning for a few hours starting at 9:00 A.M. Should not affect our users*
- *Hard copies of the Audit are available at City Hall*

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

City Treasurer's Report NONE

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2021-153)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk