

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

March 14, 2022

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

Absent: Council Member Gavin

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Weise to excuse the absence of Council Member Gavin. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 014)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings

Mandy Cooper of Lakeshore Advantage presented the Business Intelligence Report 2021 to the Council. The report included the steady growth, challenges, and future growth of companies in Ottawa County.

Mayor Duane Young introduced the new full-time Fire Chief Travis Kroll. Chief Kroll also introduced himself and presented Council with some of his background information.

Public Hearing – East Street Sidewalk Special Assessment District

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Lampe to open the public hearing at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 015)

Deputy City Manager Alek Mizikar presented the Council with an update of the process for the Special Assessment along with the location of the proposed sidewalks.

Resident of 690 East Street spoke in opposition of the sidewalks. She stated that the sidewalk near her home does not go anywhere, it will not increase her property value. She asked if this would be a betterment for the city or community? She also stated that the money could be spent better elsewhere.

Resident Alyse Smith, 746 East Street stated that putting the sidewalks in is wasteful spending. She does not feel she is reaping any benefits of her tax dollars. She requested to have a streetlight installed at East and Cleveland and it still, has not been completed. Ms. Smith said the culvert at East and Cleveland backs up continuously. Ms. Smith stated that the sidewalks near the school, are not fit, for bikes, wheelchairs, etc. Ms. Smith stated that the special assessment is not good during these tough economic times, and funds, should be spent on resources that are needed. Ms. Smith stated that unfortunately the new built homes on East Street, were required to install sidewalks. Ms. Smith stated that if they wanted sidewalk's we would install them and pay for them.

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Lampe to close the public hearing at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 016)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Dr. Jon Coles of GVSU commended the Council and the City on the Recreation Program being a “second to none” program. Dr. Coles stated that the Recreation Program was innovative and exclusive and commended the city for what we are doing with recreation.

Citizens Input and Suggestions continued

Dr. Coles stated that GVSU has an internship program and Matt McKinnon, Recreation Director has participated in their program and has taken approximately eight (8) students for internships over the past five (5) years. Dr. Coles stated that Mr. McKinnon mentors, teaches, and commands and he is a model for recreation.

Recreation Director Matt McKinnon stated that he was humbled by Dr. Coles statements.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 017)

- ***Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 14, 2022***
- ***Checks through 03/14/2022 totaling \$1,474,341.39***
- ***Council Information packet which consists of the following:***
 - *Monthly Permits Issued- February 2022*
 - *DDA Minutes from February 2022*
 - *Planning Commission Minutes from February 2022*
 - *Coopersville Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from February 2022*
 - *Thank-you card sent to Matt McKinnon from a GVSU Intern*
 - *Coopersville/Polkton Fire-Rescue February 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes*
 - *Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Policing Report- February 2022*
 - *Charter Communications Updates*

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the WWTP Blower Project Contract Award to Northwest Kent Mechanical totaling \$474,990.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 018)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the J & H Gas Station PUD Site Signage Plan with the following conditions:

1) Any new proposed sign must meet the requirements of Chapter 1282 or must be approved as an amendment to the PUD Site Signage Plan.

2) The proposed approval is only for the current business owner, J & H Oil. If the business is sold the new owner will be required to submit new signage plans to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 019)

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Weise to Receive and File the December 2021 Water Reliability Study. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 020)

Resolution on East Street Sidewalk Special Assessment District

Deputy City Manager Alek Mizikar stated that the city is not borrowing any money to do the sidewalk project on East Street and the Master Plan does call out for sidewalks on East Street.

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that the city is required do their job by following the Master Plan. Council has the option to change the ordinance and have the city pay for the sidewalks then the funds would come out of the road fund.

Deputy City manager Alek Mizikar stated that the total cost of the East Street Sidewalk Project was just over \$32,000.00 with eleven (11) properties being affected. The estimated cost per property is \$2,402.00.

Petitions and Communications continued

Resolution on East Street Sidewalk Special Assessment District

Resident of 690 East Street asked how adding more sidewalks makes better walkability when they must cross the street anyway to get downtown.

Resident, Alyse Smith of 746 East Street requested that they not run the new sidewalks through their driveways. Ms. Smith stated that she has stamped concrete in her driveway.

Deputy City Manager Alek Mizikar stated that they would look, into Ms. Smith's request.

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the East Street Sidewalk Special Assessment Manager's Report Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 021)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Resident Tammy Huff asked if the sidewalks on Greenfield, Sunset, and Oriole will be torn out when the reconstruction project begins. Deputy City Manager Alek Mizikar stated only where it is needed. Ms. Huff stated that the gas company hit three (3) sprinkler heads and one (1) line of her irrigation system. Deputy City Manager Alek Mizikar offered to assist Ms. Huff with contacting the gas company to get her irrigation repaired.

Ms. Huff also asked if the road will be open for firefighters and residents to get out when needed. Deputy City Manager Alek Mizikar stated that there will always be an open entrance and exit.

Ms. Huff stated that the Fire Department information on the city's website has not been updated since 2019.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *The thank you letter written to Recreation Director Matt McKinnon*
- *The roof on the DPW Garage and the painting and upgrading at the City Hall Garage has been completed.*

City Clerk's Report NONE

City Treasurer's Report NONE

Mayor's Report

Mayor Duane Young thanked Council Member's Bush, Degeus, and Gavin for all their time and hard work put into the Fire Chief search. Mayor Young stated that they completed the process with class.

Mayor Young thanked Matt McKinnon for all he has done for his family and the Recreation Program.

Mayor Young stated that he is looking for help for the Memorial Day Parade.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Weise to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 022)