

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

October 10, 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 Gerard with second by Council Member Weise to excuse the absence of Council Member Gavin. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 096)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings

Muskegon Pipeline Project

Muskegon County Administrator Mark Eisenbarth, Scott Huebler, Chairperson of the “Users” Committee, and Prein & Newhof were present to discuss the Muskegon Pipeline Project and presented an overview of the potential funding source for the project.

Mr. Eisenbarth stated that the MEDC and EGLE both support the potential grant of Sixty Million (\$60,000,000.00) Dollars to put the pipeline in place. Sixteen (16) municipalities are currently connected to the Muskegon Wastewater Facility and there is not a buy in fee. The Muskegon Facility has the capacity to take in forty-three million gallons per day.

Mayor Young inquired as to how many communities are going to be involved. The Chair of the Management Systems Committee stated that it will be based on the amount of capacity? Mayor Young also inquired if the City’s wastewater system will stay active? City Manager Dennis Luce stated, yes it would be if the city chooses to keep it active.

Ottawa County Public Utilities Director Pat Staskiewicz stated that it would cost a minimum of Thirty Million (\$30,000,000.00) Dollars to expand the city’s existing Wastewater Treatment Facility which will create an increase of \$3-\$4 per thousand (one thousand) gallons, and the city will carry all the risks.

The Sixty-Five (\$65,000,000.00) Million for the Pipeline Project will cover all capital improvement costs and would offer the city the opportunity for more growth. The approximate gallons per day that the city would contribute to the Muskegon Wastewater Facility would be six (6) to eight (8) million gallons per day. Mr. Staskiewicz recommended that the city participate in the Pipeline Project.

Muskegon County Administrator, Mark Eisenbarth stated that there will not be a limit to the total amount of gallons that the city would be allowed to discharge to the Muskegon Facility.

Council Member Gerard asked who is responsible for setting the rates? Mr. Eisenbarth stated that there is a “Users Committee” which consists of a representative from each municipality that is a member/user of the Pipeline. Each municipality will have equal voting power.

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings - continued

Muskegon Pipeline Project

Mr. Eisenbarth stated that there will be contracts with the municipalities, and not individual users. The “Users Committee will meet once per month.

The MEDC Funding will have to be approved by the House and Senate and they may not vote on the funding until after the November 8, 2022, Election.

Mayor Young inquired as to how many of the current municipalities that are users had or have their own Wastewater Treatment Facilities? Mr. Eisenbarth stated that there is approximately three (3) to four (4) that had or have their own facilities.

Ottawa County Administrator, John Shay stated that this a great opportunity for the City of Coopersville and he highly recommends that the city should be a participant.

Citizens Input and Suggestions

An individual stated that they thought the city just completed some big improvements to the wastewater facility a few years ago with grant money. Mayor Young stated that this is citizens comments only and the Council does not respond to the questions or comments at this time.

Carrie Andrews, City Resident recently visited the wildflower garden at 409 East Street. She encouraged the Council to review the ordinances to allow changes that would allow wildflowers to be grown in place of a traditional grass lawn due to the ground water shortage in Ottawa County and to save the monarch butterflies. Ms. Andrews son also addressed Council asking them to save the flowers for the for the bees and the butterflies.

Sam Bleckley, Resident, 409 East Street stated that he checked with his neighbors before planting the wildflowers this year instead of traditional grass. He later found out that the city ordinances do not allow this. Mr. Bleckley presented the Council with his proposed modification of the ordinance for review.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 097)

- ***Minutes of the City Council meeting of September 12, 2022***
- ***Checks through 10/10/2022 totaling \$2,235,351.71***
- ***Georgetown Construction Pay Application No. 4, Totaling \$459,157.21***
- ***Council Information packet which consists of; Monthly Permits Issued for September 2022, DDA Minutes for September 2022, Planning Commission Minutes for September 2022, Coopersville/Polkton Fire-Rescue Regular Meeting Minutes for September 2022, Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report for august 2022, Coopersville Historical Newsletter for September 2022, Senior Recreation Newsletter and Calendar for September 2022, Charter Communications Upcoming Changes for September 2022.***

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the proposed Southeast Regional Force Main Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 098)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Degeus to approve Blower No. 3 Replacement Amendment, Pricing Bulletin No. 1 to be completed by Northwest Kent Mechanical at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a total cost of \$962,675.84. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 099)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to approve roofing repairs to be done at 98 Main and 289 Danforth, entryway roof by Legacy Roofing and Restoration totaling \$14,700.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 100)

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the Venna/Vida water main replacement design engineering to be completed by Prein & Newhof Engineering totaling \$27,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 101)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Weise to approve East Street water main replacement design engineering to be completed by Prein & Newhof Engineering totaling \$36,600.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 102)

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Bush to approve the appointment of Thomas Heikoop to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 103)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to approve Plummer’s Environmental Services to hydro-excavate water service lines to identify the material the lines are constructed with for a total cost not to exceed \$21,350.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 104)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Jessica Murphy of the Coopersville Observer introduced herself and informed the Council and Staff that she intends to take over the Observer in January 2023 and hopes to live out the legacy of Kerri Snowdin.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *The Sunset/Greenfield/Oriole Project hopefully will be completed the week of the 17th*
- *Social District was approved. Signage needs to be installed.*
- *Annual Christmas Parade will be held the first Friday in December*
- *We did not receive the MDOT Grant to redo Main Street*
- *The recent North Bank Trail Fundraiser raised over \$4,500.00*
- *Working on a Safe Routes to School Grant*
- *DPW is working on the lights on the tops of the buildings downtown. 327 Pizza does not have any lights yet as they are putting a new roof on right now*

City Clerk’s Report None

City Treasurer’s Report None

Mayor Young’s Comments

Fire Department Open House is Saturday, October 15th

Homecoming Parade was great

Walking Bridge on Randall Street looks rough

Historical Museum is looking good. Thank you to Randy Laug and Ron Veldman for all their hard work.

Fire Department is doing great!

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 105)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk