

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

December 12, 2022

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

Absent: NONE

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 Lampe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 123)

- ***Minutes of the City Council meeting of November 14, 2022***
- ***Checks through 12/12/22 totaling \$1,505,814.60***
- ***Northwest Kent Mechanical Pay Application NO. 6 totaling \$61,511.30***
- ***Council Information packet***

Petitions and Communications

Joshua Morgan, Ottawa County Deputy Equalization Director, and Carla Hill, Ottawa County Assessing Division Manager were present and explained the changes to Public Act 253 that were made in December 2020 on the handling of poverty exemptions by governmental units, and the reason for the request for Council to approve the updated poverty exemption guidelines and application.

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Resolution for the Poverty Exemption Policy. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 124)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Tammy Huff as an Alternate Board of Review Member. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 125)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the proposed 2023 water and Sewer Rate Increase. The water rate will increase from the current rate of \$3.366 per 100 cubic feet of usage to \$3.471 per 100 cubic feet of usage. The sewer rate will increase from the current rate of \$2.805 per 100 cubic feet of usage to \$2.879 per 100 cubic feet of usage. Discussion was held on the possibility of increasing the rate further for the larger commercial users. Council Members requested that further research be completed and presented to them in January, on what the County of Muskegon and other municipalities are charging their commercial users per 100 cubic feet of usage. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 126)

Discussion took place on the proposed amendments to Chapter 678, Weeds and Grass ordinance. Council Members recommended to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendment at the January 2023 Council meeting.

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Water Bond Payoff totaling \$1,136,280.25. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 127)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the proposed contract with USA Mobile Drug Testing. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 128)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Charlie Vander Kolk to the Local Officers Compensation Commission to fulfill an open five (5) year term. Mr. Vander Kolk will replace Michael Karbon. Motion carried unanimously. (2022 – 129)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Allison Miedema, Ottawa County Commissioner addressed the Council. Ms. Miedema stated that she will be sworn into office on January 3, 2023, and she is looking forward to working with the city. Ms. Miedema attended the recent Coopersville-Polkton Fire Department Open House, in which she very much enjoyed.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *Appropriations Committee approved the funding for the Muskegon Pipeline. Governor Whitmer must grant the final approval of the funding before it is final.*
- *Christmas Parade went well, and he thanked all the Volunteers and the Rotary Club.*
- *Historical Museum will be hosting a "Step Back in Time" Tour on December 27, 2022, 4:30 – 7:30 P.M. City Hall will be closing at 4:30 so all City Employees may attend.*
- *Will be gone on vacation from December 24th to January 6, 2023.*

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman informed the Council that there will be a meeting of the Local Officers Compensation Commission in a few months.

City Treasurer's Report None

Mayor Young's Comments

Mayor Young wished everyone a Merry Christmas
The Christmas Parade was great.
Attended Michael Karbon's Memorial Service.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bush to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2022 - 130)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk