

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

January 9, 2023

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

Absent: Council Member Lampe (See motion to excuse at the end of meeting)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Statement By Mayor Young

Mayor Young read aloud the City's Board Rules and Code of Conduct that applies to appointed members of various boards and commissions for the City. Mayor Young stated that he felt it was important to read these as a refresher to appointed board members.

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings

Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Chapter 678: Weeds and Grass

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to open the public hearing at 7:03 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 001)

Deputy City Manager/Planning Director Victor Vuong presented the proposed amendment and the reason for the changes.

Some discussion took place on the definition of cultivated.

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to close the public hearing at 7:05 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 002)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Michael Karasinski, DDA Board Member and City Resident presented and read aloud a letter he wrote to the Elected and Appointed Officials and Board Members of the City of Coopersville, Members of the DDA Board and the DDA Board Chairman Ron Veldman, regarding the Defamation of a Board Member and the request for DDA Board Member Susan Buth to be formally removed from the DDA Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 - 003)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2022***
- ***Closed Meeting City Council Minutes of November 14, 2022***
- ***Checks through 1/09/2023 totaling \$3,276,253.19***
- ***Georgetown Construction Change Order No. 2, Decrease Totaling \$16,532.46***
- ***Georgetown Construction Pay Application No. 6, Totaling \$81,855.75***
- ***Northwest Kent Mechanical Pay Application No. 7, Totaling \$8,550.00***
- ***Council Information Packet***

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve a five (5) year contract extension with Infrastructure Alternatives Incorporated (IAI). The proposed contract amount is \$11,861.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 004)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the proposed amendments to Ordinance Chapter 678 Weeds and Grass. Specifically, Sections 678.01 and 678.02. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 005)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the quote received from Nelson Tank Engineering and Consulting for the Design and Construction Engineering for the West Water Tower Painting Project totaling \$19,225.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 006)

Discussion was held on the widening of River Street during the reconstruction to provide space for on-street parking. Department of Public Works Supervisor Bryan Buist stated that by widening the road one and one-half feet on each side would leave each lane to be eleven (11) feet wide and the parking spaces would each be eight (8) feet wide. The parking will only be on the west side of River Street. Mr. Buist stated that the road will be widened from Randall Street to O'Malley and an extra base layer will be applied due to the road being a truck route.

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that the City has budgeted for the designing and the project may get completed in 2023-2024. Mr. Luce also stated that the city may repave Court Street if the budget allows for it.

Council Members were in-agreement with the widening of River Street to allow for parking.

Citizens Input & Suggestions

Justin Willison of Spring Lake Bridal requested a meeting with City Manager Dennis Luce and Mayor Young to discuss the issues that Mike Karasinki is currently experiencing.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

Received notification from Consumers Power stating that electricity rates are increasing 2.7 cents or 2.5 percent per kilowatt hour.

City Clerk's Report None

City Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Keribeth Rogers informed Council that our current Auditors are no longer going to be doing governmental auditing and we will be searching for a new firm to replace them.

Mayor Young's Comments

Mayor Young stated that he is aware of what is going on downtown with Mike Karasinski and Susan Buth. He stated that he asked everyone to wait a week or so for him to get back to them on the issue as City Manager Dennis Luce was on vacation. Mayor Young stated that he didn't feel that he was given a chance to take care of this before the issue was brought in front of the Council. Mayor Young stated that it is his responsibility to take care of any problems or issues with Appointed Officials.

Mayor Young stated that we became a City fifty-seven (57) years ago and he read a list of all the people that made becoming a City possible.

Absent

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to excuse the absence of Council Member Lampe. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 007)

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bush to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 - 008)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk