

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

April 10, 2023

Present: Council Member/Mayor Pro-Tem Bush Council Member Gerard
Council Member Degeus Council Member Lampe
Council Member Gavin Council Member Weise

Absent: Mayor Young

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Lampe to excuse the absence of Mayor Young.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 037)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Weise to approve the amendment to agenda Item 8. G., Petitions and Communications, by removing “Action” on the FY 2023-24 Budget. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 038)

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings

Public Hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City Budget & Millage

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 039)

No public comments were made.

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Gavin to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 040)

Public Hearing on Sewer Use Ordinance Section 1045.30(b)(1) Reference Daily FOG Limits

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Weise to open the Public Hearing at 7:04 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 041)

City Manager, Dennis Luce explained the reason for the change is due to concerns with the current 300⁶ mg/l monthly average that an industry could, as the ordinance is currently written, discharge significantly more than 300⁶ mg/l in one day and still achieve monthly average compliance with lower concentration sample results. This is a heavy discharge of FOG (Fats, Oil, and Grease) into the WWTP and would likely cause significant challenges to the treatment process and the City’s sanitary collection systems. It is highly recommended that the FOG limits are changed to a daily maximum of 100⁶ mg/l in Chapter 1045, Section 1045.30(b)(1) of the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Some Members of the Public inquired as to where (what businesses) the FOG comes from. City Manager, Dennis Luce explained that there is an investigative process we use to make the determination of where the FOG is being discharged from.

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Lampe to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 042)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

Lori Pung, Director of Development for Magnus Capital (HOM Flats) addressed the Council on the new Michigan State Bill NO. 422. The Bill is for the taxation, property tax exemptions, and abatements for economic development for affordable housing. Manus Capital owns property at 568 W. Randall Street, and they are considering presenting Council with another proposed site plan for an affordable housing facility as well as another request for a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Program. Ms. Pung stated, further, for the Council to approve their plan under the requirements of State Bill NO. 422 the Council would first be required to adopt the language that is set forth in Bill NO. 422. Ms. Pung requested that Council take this into consideration.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 043)

- **Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 13, 2023**
- **Northwest Kent Mechanical, Pay Application No. 10, Totaling \$89,211.46**
- **Checks Through 04/10/2023, Totaling \$752,593.44**
- **Council Information Packet**

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the Sewer Use Ordinance Proposed Amendment Reference Daily FOG Limit. Section 1045.30 (b)(1). Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 044)

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Hydrant Permit Fee Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 045)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Proposed Pay Increase for Election Inspectors, Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons as follows: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 046)

Position	Proposed Pay Rate
Chairperson	\$18.00 with the same \$25.00 additional for the responsibility of the precinct
Co-Chairperson	\$18.00 per hour
Election Inspector	\$16.00 per hour

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the Ottawa County Drain Commission Resolution for Lag Drain, not to exceed \$27,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 047)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the bid received from Lee’s Trenching, totaling and not to exceed \$21,500.00, for the Floyd Street Storm Sewer Boring Project. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 048)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 049)

City Manager, Dennis Luce presented his Budget Recommendation for FY 2023-2024, which was Draft “A.” Discussion was held on the FY 2023 – 2024 Budget Draft “A.” City Manager Dennis Luce stated that Draft “B” will be presented at the May meeting.

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the proposed Modified Office Hours for Staff. Office hours will be changed to Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. and closed on Fridays. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 050)

Citizens Input & Suggestions

City Resident Jamie Adams was opposed to the new office hours.

City Manager's Report

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

The new Code of Conduct has been distributed to all Elected and Appointed Board Members. Still waiting for some of the signature pages to be returned.

Senior Recreation Department PROM is April 13, 2023, 3:00 – 5:30 P.M. at the Community Service Building. Coopersville Area Public Schools is having a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday for the new elementary school.

A sanitary sewer backup happened today on Randall Street. EGLE has been notified. The line has been blasted out and the repair has been completed.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman thanked the Council for approving the pay increases for the Election Inspectors and Chairpersons.

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman also stated that she would keep the Council Members informed on any new information she receives on the Early Voting.

City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Keri Rogers asked for the Council Members to call her with any budget questions they may have and informed them that Draft "B" will be presented next month as well as a quote from a new Auditing Firm.

Mayor Young's Comments NONE. Absent.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Weise to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 051)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk