

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

**May 8, 2023**

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

**Absent:** Council Member Gavin and Council Member Lampe

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to excuse the absence of Council Member's Gavin and Lampe. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 052)

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** NONE

**Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings**

**Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Amendment for Section 450.05; Parking of Commercial Vehicles, Semitrailers, Recreational Vehicles, and Trailers**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bush to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 053)

Planning Director/Deputy City Manager Victor Vuong presented the proposed amendment, stating further that based on feedback from the Council workshop on April 10, 2023, staff is proposing the amendment to Chapter 450 to address the complaints and safety concerns.

No public comments were made.

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 054)

**Citizens Input and Suggestions**

County Commissioner, District 11, Allison Miedema presented a County update to the Council on the following:

- *Broadband Initiatives and the Robin Grant*
- *County purchased three (3) new trailers for fighting chemical fires. These will be staged throughout the County for easy access.*
- *New Crimes Against Children/Sex Trafficking Program*

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 055)

- *Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 10, 2023*
- *Northwest Kent Mechanical, Pay Application No. 11, Totaling \$51,549.49*
- *Checks Through 05/08/2023, Totaling*
- *Council Information Packet*

**Petitions and Communications**

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Resolution to Adopt Draft “A” of FY 23-24 Budget and Millage Rate as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 056)

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to approve, all, of the Board Member Appointments and Reappointments as presented and follows: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 057)

BOARD	TERM	APPOINTED	EXPIRES	
<b>Cemetery Board</b> Chariperson Karen Laug	2 Years	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Construction Board of Appeals</b> Ken Bush	2 Years	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Construction Board of Appeals</b> Mark Kibben	2 Years	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Construction Board of Appeals</b> Joe Grochowalski (New Appointment)	2 Years	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>DDA</b> Steven Cooper	4 Years Class A	3/2023	7/2023	
<b>DDA</b> Jake Noel	4 Years Class A	7/2019	7/2023	
<b>DDA</b> Greg Slater	4 Years Class A	7/2019	7/2023	
<b>Planning Commission</b> Ross Conran	3 Years	7/2020	7/2023	
<b>Planning Commission</b> Mike Heinz	3 Years	7/2020	7/2023	
<b>Planning Commission</b> Sarah Wilson	2 Years	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Property Maintenance Board of Appeals</b> Charlie Vander Kolk	2 Years	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Recreation Board</b> Todd Adams	1 Year	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Recreation Board</b> Kelly Hecksel	1 Year	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Recreation Board</b> Joe Meerman	1 Year	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Recreation Board</b> John Barrett (New Appointment)	1 Year	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Recreation Board</b> Duane Young	1 Year	7/2021	7/2023	
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> Steven Lampe	1 Year	7/2022	7/2023	
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> Sarah Wilson	1 Year	7/2022	7/2023	

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Custom Maid Contract Renewal at a rate of \$285 per week. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 058)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the 2023 Fee’s, Charges, and Rates Resolution for the Suspended Solids. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 59)

**Petitions and Communications continued**

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the hiring of Brickley DeLong PC as the city’s auditing firm for the years ending June 30, 2023, 2024, and 2025 for a fee of \$19,600.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 060)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the proposed Ordinance Amendment for Section 450.05, Parking of Commercial Vehicles, Semitrailers, Recreational Vehicles, and Trailers. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 061)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the purchase of Recreation Uniforms from Bronco Connection totaling \$10,452.50. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 062)

**Citizens Input & Suggestions**

Joe Herrud of fairlife LLC. inquired on the budgeting for the WWTP and the notification of increases of fees, and charges to the customers/users.

**City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:**

- *Thanked Ron Veldman and Randy Laug for the volunteer work they are performing on the Merlin Train Car at the Museum*
- *Meeting at the Community Service Building on May 16, 2023, for the Safe Routes to School Program. Much participation is needed to qualify for the Grant.*
- *Thanked the Cub Scouts for cleaning up Main Street*
- *Reminder that Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is “Mother’s Day.”*

**City Clerk’s Report**

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman reported on the following item:  
Update on Early Voting was presented. All twenty-three (23) Cities and Townships in the County have signed on as intending to move forward in collaboration with the County for Early Voting, but the legislation is still not completed.

Eight Candidates have filed to run for City Council so there will be an August Primary Election.

She will be out of the office for a short period of time, per the email that she sent to all Council Members.

**City Treasurer’s Report**

City Treasurer, Keri Rogers informed the Council that the new Budget for FY 23-24 will be posted on the front page of the City’s website. If anyone would like a copy, they can contact her, and she will print you one.

**Mayor Young’s Comments**

Mayor Young reported on the following:

- *He has been walking through different sections of neighborhoods in the city and talking with residents that are out and about.*
- *He is assisting with the Memorial Day Parade which is being organized by Jason Karell.*
- *Thanked the Boy Scouts for cleaning up Main Street*
- *Attended the CAPS FFA Banquet*

**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bush to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 063)