

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

July 10, 2023

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

Absent: Council Member Degeus

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to excuse the absence of Council Member Degeus. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 074)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Lampe to amend the agenda by changing the quote from Great Lakes Tree Service in item 8.J. to \$12,750.00 and to add a Temporary Noise Ordinance Variance Application from Southside Bar & Grill as item 8.K. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 075)

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings NONE

Citizens Input and Suggestions

City Resident, Ross Michael, 260 East Street, expressed disapproval of the sidewalk replacement project and shared with the Council a petition from other residents on East Street who are also opposed to the project. Ross said there are some areas on this stretch that are very nice, and the tax dollars might be better spent to add sidewalks elsewhere. The sidewalks are serviceable, and people are able to get around. There are also a couple of residents that are upset some trees will be removed.

City Resident, Casey Groenendyk, 288 East Street, also lives on East Street and said there are many places in the City that has gaps in the sidewalks. The sidewalks on East Street are working so they don't have to be replaced. If the concern is to be ADA compliant, then put sidewalks near the Senior Center. There are areas on Pine, Grove, and Center that don't even have sidewalks. Casey asked when did the City budget for this? Casey is willing to share videos and pictures of other areas that should have sidewalks before theirs is replaced. Also, they have a vertical retaining wall that might collapse if the sidewalk gets ripped out.

City Resident, Nancy Post, 88 Mill Street, said this is the third time their sidewalks will be fixed. They have great sidewalks and there are a lot of places where there are no sidewalks. Why do we have to replace existing sidewalks?

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 076)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 12, 2023***
- ***E & L Contractors Inc., Pay Application No. 1, Totaling \$241,425.00***
- ***EnviroGro, Pay Application No. 1, Totaling \$74,283.00***
- ***Checks Through 07/10/2023, Totaling \$945,524.26***
- ***Council Information Packet***

Petitions and Communications

Discussion was held and no motion was made to approve the purchase and installation of the City Hall and the Sheriff's Office front door replacement project.

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Bush to approve the contract with Clearbrook Landscaping and Lawncare, LLC to regrade the south baseball field at Veteran's Park, totaling \$10,550.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 077)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve staff to contract with Fence Solutions to redo the backstop and other miscellaneous repairs to the south baseball field fence at Veteran's Park, totaling \$10,800.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 078).

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve staff to contract with American Fence Erectors to redo the fence along the 3rd baseline at Grove Street Park, totaling \$12,450.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 079)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bush to approve the contract with Strain Electric to update the Pedestrian Signals and Controller/Cabinet, totaling \$24,200.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 080)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the trade-in of a 2017 Ferris Zero Turn Mower to purchase a new 2024 Wright Zero Turn Mower from Woodland Equipment, totaling \$13,117.72. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 081)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the purchase of 300 water meters from Metron-Farnier, totaling \$56,700.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 082)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bush to approve Amendment No. 41 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council to remove the City of Hastings. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 083)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Lampe to approve the sidewalk replacement projects on Madison Street, Mill Street, & East Street with CenterPointe Concrete, totaling \$63,793.38, with the cost to the property owners being interest free until the property tax billing cycle that is due next summer. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin and Council Member Gerard opposing. (2023 – 084).

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the contract for tree removal along Madison Street, Mill Street, East Street, and Lincoln Street with Great Lakes Tree Service, totaling \$12,750.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 085)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Temporary Noise Ordinance Variance Application for Southside Bar & Grill on August 11 & 12, 2023, not to exceed 48 hours. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 086)

Citizens Input & Suggestions

City Resident, Michael Karasinski, 331 Lincoln Street, said the Council voted on approximately a quarter of a million dollars at this meeting. Michael also received a sidewalk letter and understands where everyone is coming from. Michael's letter is for \$900. This is money that people can't afford. The City needs to communicate what's going on. The only people who know the City spent a quarter of a million dollars tonight are the ones in this room.

City Resident, Jamie Adams, 746 Ridgefield Drive, said it seems pretty easy for the Council to sign off on spending money without considering the cost to taxpayers. Jamie is running for Council. How can the law require people to shovel their sidewalks in the winter, but not everybody has sidewalks? Everybody should have sidewalks and they should be fully connected. Meadow Green should connect to the City. When sidewalks need to be replaced then it should be replaced, but homeowners shouldn't be required to fix nonconforming sidewalks, it should be on the City.

Citizens Input & Suggestions continued

City Recreation Director, Matt McKinnon, said tomorrow marks the fourth year of the City's sports camp for ages 6-13. There are 60 kids signed up. We've partnered with interns from Grand Valley to provide activities. It will be at Vet's Park on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for five weeks. Week 1 will be basketball, week 2 will be football, week 3 will be baseball and softball, week 4 will be soccer, and week 5 will be a mystery week.

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *The last Music on Main Street was great. The music was wonderful. The next one will be this week at Southside Bar & Grill on Wednesday night.*
- *The State House and Senate passed a \$82 billion budget: the largest in state history. It looked like the Bridge Bundle Program was still on there. Hopefully it continues to move forward. There was also money set aside for fire departments.*
- *The West Water Tower project is done. Bacti samples will be taken and the tower will be fully operational possibly Wednesday afternoon or evening.*
- *The 68th Ave paving project is taking time. Pipe was run under the road and the road was widened in front of the Cold Storage Facility. It's a county road so Ottawa County Road Commission has been in control of the project. The project should be completed this week and we can get rid of the detours and 4-way stops to reopen everything.*

City Clerk's Report NONE

City Treasurer's Report NONE

Mayor Young's Comments

Mayor Young reported on the following:

- *Mayor Young's son has a disability and needs sidewalks to get around. There's an 8% poverty rate in the City, which means there might be people without cars. We have to think about how we can help everyone out. It's the Council's duty to think of everyone and make sure they are considered and thought of. We can do all we want downtown, but people at Fountain View can't get there because there's no sidewalks. Also, when we redo sidewalks, we have to bring them up to code.*
- *There are other taxing entities on our property tax bill and less than 20% goes to the City. The other 80% of our taxes goes to other entities and this is voted on by the people. Mayor Young was on many City boards and commissions for many years and not many people show up to these meetings.*
- *Most of the things that Council voted on tonight were items to keep our quality of life going, or else we'd have to give it up.*

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 086)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk