

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

**September 11, 2023**

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

**Absent:** NONE

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** NONE

**Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings** NONE

**Citizens Input and Suggestions**

City Resident, Bob LaCross, 886 East Street requested to petition the Council to contact the County regarding lowering the speed limit on B35/East Street and on Cleveland Street to twenty-five (25) mph, as these streets are within the city limits and vehicles travel way to fast. Mr. LaCross also requested to have the designated truck route changed from B35/East Street between Cleveland and Wilson, to Wilson off from B35/East Street to 64<sup>th</sup> and/or 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. LaCross stated that there is a much lesser number of residential homes on Wilson Road. Mr. LaCross stated that with all the milk trucks traveling to and from Continental Dairy and fairlife, the noise from the trucks “jake braking” is loud and continuous.

City Resident, Jamie Adams, 746 Ridgefield requested information on what the protocol or procedures are for candidates on the ballot after the August primary Election, and the procedures for the process when a candidate withdraws. Jamie Adams also stated that the city does not need anymore four (4) way stops, stating further that Ottawa County has become “the land of four (4) way stops.”

Robert Munro, fairlife Engineer updated the Council on the building addition and renovations. Mr. Munro stated that they are making good progress. Mr. Munro stated that they are trying to keep up with the Wastewater Treatment upgrades and they are working towards getting a better understanding of the connection cost, but they received a “Notice of Violation” today. They thought they were fixing the problems, but that’s not the case.

**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 – 095)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 14, 2023***
- ***Checks Through 09/11/2023, Totaling \$1,606,852.64***
- ***Council Information Packet***

**Petitions and Communications**

Discussion was held on the Metron-Farnier Innov8 Smart Meter Replacement Program/Opt-Out Program. A representative from Metron-Farnier addressed the Council on consumer’s concerns regarding the smart meter radio frequencies.

### **Petitions and Communications continued**

Numerous reports and industry group findings show that smart meter technology is safe. The Metron-Farnier metering technology fully complies with the FCC standards and guidelines for environmental exposure to radio frequencies, which have been in place since 1985. Radio frequencies energy produced by smart meters are not harmful and is comparable to cellular phones, wireless baby monitors, television broadcasts, garage door openers, microwave ovens, cordless home phones, and Wi-Fi networks.

Discussion was held on what the cost would be for the consumer's that wish to opt-out of the smart meter program, as well as other devices that could be purchased by the city and added to the consumer's current meter that would send the readings in automatically, daily. The representative from Metron-Farnier, recommended that we finish changing out the meters before we add the expense of the devices. We currently have about 380 more meters to change out. There are 1,415 water services provided throughout the city. Council Members requested further information from Metron-Farnier and on the cost, for consumers to opt-out, to review at the October meeting.

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the replacement of Pump #2 with existing pump by Northwest Kent Mechanical Company totaling \$39,686.00 and to refurbish Pump #3 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 096)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Lampe to approve Midwest Land Services, LLC. to remove the Ice Rink concrete and the placement of a gravel parking area totaling \$19,407.50. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 097)

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Degeus to approve Kamminga & Roodvoets, Incorporated to perform the River and Court Street Reconstruction Project totaling \$2,306,996.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 098)

Discussion was held on the possibility of a four (4) way stop at Randall, River, and Eastmanville Street(s). City Manager Dennis Luce stated that this could draw more attention to the downtown area, and it would be safer for pedestrian traffic to cross the road. Council Members requested more information and data from the Sheriff's Department and traffic studies for review at the October meeting.

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Resolution of Support and Commitment of the Safe Routes to School Grant. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 099)

**Citizens Input & Suggestions** NONE

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

- *The "Merlin" train car at the Historical Museum looks great. Mr. Luce thanked the many volunteers for the donation of their time and materials on this project.*
- *Historical Museum GALA will be held on October 5, 2023, from 7-9 P.M.*
- *Upcoming meeting with Four-Pointes on the upcoming renewal of the Senior Services Millage*
- *Will be attending the ICMA Conference in Texas from September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>.*
- *CDF and fairlife signed the agreement with Muskegon County today for the pipeline.*

### **City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman invited Resident Jamie Adams to call her or come in to meet with her so she can explain the election process for candidates for City Council.

**City Treasurer's Report** NONE

**Mayor Young's Comments**

Mayor Young reported on the following:

- *Sidewalks on East Street look great.*

**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 100)

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Duane Young, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk