

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

November 13, 2023

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

Absent: NONE

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Removed installation of new Mayor from Item 16. A. on the agenda.

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings

Mayor Young presented a Proclamation to Coopersville High School Student Lauren Davis for winning the 2023 MHSAA Division 2 Girls Golf Championship.

Jason Emery of fairlife presented an update to the City Council on their Community Engagement Projects for 2023 and their plans for 2024.

Citizens Input and Suggestions NONE

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 111)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting Held September 27, 2023***
- ***Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Held October 9, 2023***
- ***Quarterly Financials***
- ***Checks written through 11/13/2023, Totaling \$826,729.63***
- ***Council Information Packet***

Petitions and Communications

Discussion was held on the proposed amendment to Chapter 1250: R-4 Maximum Building Height.

Council Member Weise stated that he recently observed many different apartment complexes in surrounding communities to see what the different building heights and roof styles were.

Council Member Gavin stated that we need housing, and we are only talking about a ten (10) foot difference. More housing may help with more staffing for the Fire Department.

Council Member Degeus stated that it would be ridiculous for the city to stop developers from building over a ten (10) foot difference as there is no place for families to live here now.

Mayor Young stated that this change would make us a transient community and with the addition of eight hundred (800) to one thousand (1000) residents it will add more stress to our schools, roads, etc.

Petitions and Communications continued

Council Member Bush stated that more housing was available ten (10) years ago before the Master Plan changes, and this type of housing is needed. Apartments are extremely important right now and the city needs to move forward. Council Member Bush stated further that at the time of the most recent Master Plan updates the community was notified of all public hearings and had the opportunity to offer their input.

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that this is all part of Economic Development, and this is how the city will grow, as more housing will bring more businesses and jobs to the community.

Council Member Bush stated that we need to be careful how we draw developers into our city. We do not need to have those that are seeking tax breaks, etc. Forty-five (45) foot height is in the future Master Plan.

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the ordinance amendment to Chapter 1250; R-4 Maximum Building height from thirty-five (35) feet to forty-five (45) feet. Motion carried with Mayor Young opposing. (2023 – 112)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve staff to negotiate a five (5) year extension with Republic Services Refuse and Recycle. The final agreement with pricing and add-on will be brought back to the Council for consideration. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 113)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bush to approve the East Gateway, Ottawa County East Drain Agreement. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 114)

Motion by Council Member Lampe to approve Sludge Pond No. 1 Berm Repair to be performed by Midwest Farm Drainage LLC. totaling \$45,000.00. Motion failed for lack of support.

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that after further review of the bids received for the Berm Repair it was found that Northside Septic & Excavating LLC. knows what the job requires, including the rip rap, and he recommended that the bid from Northside be approved.

Motion by Council Member Lampe with second by Council Member Degeus to approve/accept the bid to repair the berm on Sludge Pond No. 1, from Northside Septic & Excavating LLC., totaling \$118,707.22. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 115)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bush to approve the requested Coopersville Historical Museum Funds from the perspective Coopersville Area Community Foundation Accounts as follows to complete Phase 1 of the interurban (Merlin) enclosure, and the \$15,000 that has been budgeted for to reroof the existing structure will be requested to add to this enclosure project, at a later date: Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 116)

CPRHST (endowed fund) - \$43,119.65 (Keeping \$10,000 in this fund)

CPRHS2 (non-endowed fund) - \$9,362.00 (Keeping \$5,000 in this fund)

CPRHS2-F (non-endowed fund) - \$17,990.88 (Closing this account)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to approve Northwest Kent Mechanical to proceed with the installation of the Saddle Taps and Jetting of lines at the Main Lift Station totaling \$10,491.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 117)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bush to approve Grand River Construction to make the repairs to the Ironwood Drive guardrail and culvert totaling \$137,440.00. The cost is expected to be covered by the at-fault drivers insurance. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 118)

Recognition & Comments of Outgoing Council Member Steve Lampe

Outgoing Council Member Lampe congratulated Council Members Gavin and Degeus on their re-election and congratulated incoming Council Member Bowman on being elected to Council. Council Member Lampe told Council Member Bowman to be patient as it is going to take a good year to learn everything such as the budget process, etc., and to let Staff do their job. Council Member Lampe (while holding his infant granddaughter) stated that we need to look out for and prepare the future for the younger generations to come.

Mayor Young presented Council Member Lampe with a Council Members Chair.

Citizens Input & Suggestions

Sarah Matwiejczyk, Candidate for Ottawa County Prosecutor introduced herself to the Council.

Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resource Commissioner thanked our new Council Members for serving and congratulated them on winning the election.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Lampe to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 119)

NEW MEETING

Installation of New Members

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Gavin, Degeus, and Bowman.

<u>Present:</u>	Council Member Bush	Council Member Bowman
	Council Member Degeus	Council Member Weise
	Council Member Gavin	Mayor Young
	Council Member Gerard	

Absent: NONE

Additions/Communications NONE

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Resolution for the 2024 City Boards Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 120)

Motion by Mayor Young with second by Council Member Weise to approve the appointment of Council Members, Bush, Degeus, and Gerard as an Alternate to the Fire Authority Board as the City Representatives. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 121)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the appointment of Council Member Bowman to the Planning Commission as the Council Representative. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 122)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Council Member Gerard to the Downtown Development Authority Board as the Council Representative. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 123)

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Council Member Weise to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Council Representative. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 124)

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the appointment of Council Member Gerard and Mayor Young to the Recreation Board as the Council Representatives. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 125)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the appointment of Council Member Bush as the Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 126)

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

Congratulated newly Elected and re-elected Council Members Bowman, Degeus, and Gavin.

Thanked outgoing Council Member Lampe for serving.

MDOT is still paying for the engineering on Grove Street Bridge. The State does have \$80 million dollars set aside for bridge work and they have informed us that we are still a good candidate to receive these funds but nothing has been decide upon yet.

Sidewalk replacement/repairs on Madison keeps getting bumped back on the schedule due to the Contractor having other emergency repairs they have to make.

Letters were sent out regarding winter parking to the residents affected by the sidewalk project.

Seven (7) bids were received for the Venna, Vida Circle Project.

City Treasurer Keri Rogers has sent the required annual IFT Letters out.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman congratulated the newly elected/reelected Council Members, and thanked Council Member Lampe for serving. City Clerk Kimberly Borgman reported on the November 7, 2023, City General Election and she informed the Council that there has been a recent law passed that changed the required number of precincts needed. We will be eliminating Precinct 2 as we are now only required to have one (1) precinct. The change will take effect for the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Keri Rogers thanked Council Member Lampe for serving, stating further that she enjoyed working with him. Ms. Rogers also congratulated and welcomed Council Members Gavin, Degeus, and Bowman on winning the election.

Mayor Young's Comments

Mayor Young reported on the following:

Attended the Veterans Memorial Ceremony

Thanked City Clerk Kimberly Borgman and Election Staff for their work on the November Election.

Please always remember the VFW. They need added support.

Voted his own way on some things but will support the decisions made by the Council.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2023 – 127)