

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

March 11, 2024

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

Absent: NONE

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Gerard to add item 8.J. to the agenda for Dale & Duke & Sons quote to repair guardrail at Ironwood and 48th Avenue, totaling \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 019)

Scheduled Guests and Public Hearings

County Commissioner, Allison Miedema presented County updates as follows:

- *Veterans Affairs – New Director hired. Adding Administrative Assistant.*
- *Parks and Recreation – Working on new strategic plan.*
- *Allison serves on the Collective Bargaining Unit. Discussion has been held on body cameras for the Sheriff's Department.*
- *All legal matters have been dissolved with the Health Department Director. A three (3) person committee will manage future reviews.*
- *County Administrator, John Gibbs, has been terminated.*
- *Presented the career background on John Anderson, a Candidate for Interim County Administrator.*
- *Broadband Committee Meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M.*
- *Ottawa County just received a "AAA" Rating*

Citizens Input and Suggestions NONE

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2024 020)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 12, 2024***
- ***Checks through March 11, 2024, Totaling \$2,535,245.69***
- ***Council Information Packet***

Petitions and Communications

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Degeus to NOT approve the Resolution supporting Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging millage renewal. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 021)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the FY 2023-24 Budget Amendment Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 022)

Petitions and Communications continued

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the Resolution of Commitment and Support for the Local Bridge Program to further participate in the Local Bridge Program for Main Street Bridge. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 023)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Ordinance Amendment to add Land Transfer to Chapter 1292. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 024)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the Resolution for the Land Transfer Application Fee of \$300.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 025)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to approve the 2024 AAA Lawncare Proposal totaling \$24,533.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 026)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the seven (7) year Contract Extension from Republic Services Refuse, Recycle, Yard Waste, and Two (2) Curbside Bulk Cleanup times for Residential Properties at a rate of \$23.50 per month per residence, with a six (6) percent escalator for each of the following years. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 027)

***CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bush to enter in to CLOSED SESSION at 7:30 P.M. to discuss Appointed Staff Reviews.

Roll Call Vote was Taken:

Yes – Council Members Gavin, Bush, Degeus, Bowman, Gerard, Weise, Mayor Young.

Nays – NONE

Absent – NONE

Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 028)

OPEN SESSION

City Council re-entered into Open Session at 7:54 P.M.

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the new contract for City Manager Dennis Luce with the following changes, effective July 1, 2024:

This will be a five (5) year contract with an increase of \$5,000.00, plus, receive the same yearly increases as all other employees receive annually. Three (3) additional days of PTO (Paid Time-Off), and Nine (9) Month's Severance Package. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 029)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the new contract for City Clerk/Zoning Administrator, Kimberly Borgman with the following changes, effective July 1, 2024:

This will be a three (3) year contract with an increase of \$7,000.00, plus, receive the same yearly increases as all other employees receive annually. Two (2) additional days of PTO (Paid Time-Off), and Nine (9) Month's Severance Package. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 030)

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the new contract for City Treasurer/Finance Director, Keribeth Rogers with the following changes, effective July 1, 2024:

This will be a three (3) year contract with an increase of \$7,000.00, plus, receive the same yearly increases as all other employees receive annually. Four (4) additional days of PTO (Paid Time-Off), and Nine (9) Month's Severance Package. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 031)

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the quote received from Dale Dukes & Sons, Incorporated for the guardrail repair on the SW corner of 48th Avenue and E. Randall Street, totaling \$10,000.00. The guardrail was damaged in an accident and the city will be reimbursed by the at-fault driver's insurance company. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 032)

Citizens Input & Suggestions

City Resident, Bob Lacross suggested that the city check in to picking up unbagged leaves for residents.

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

River Street Road Construction Open House Meeting on March 14, 2024, from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

EDA Report - \$80 Million Dollars in growth and 150 New jobs in the City the past three (3) years.

Hoping Ottawa County Parks Committee will consider the North Bank Trail in their Strategic Planning.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman presented the Election Results for Early Voting & Election Day in February 2024.

Twenty-three (23) City Residents voted at the Early Voting Center. Ms. Borgman also thanked the Council for her new contract and for their support.

City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Keribeth Rogers thanked the Council for her new contract and for their support.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Bush with second by Council Member Weise to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 - 033)

Duane Young, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk