

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

December 9, 2024

Present: Council Member Degeus Council Member Poelma
Council Member Gerard Mayor Bush

Absent: Council Members Bowman, Gavin, Weise

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to excuse the absence of Council Members Bowman, Gavin, and Weise. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 115)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings

Coopersville/Polkton Fire Department Chief Kroll and Firefighter Rahn

Chief Kroll formally introduced fulltime Firefighter Ethan Rahn to the Council Members.

Firefighter Rahn stated that it is a pleasure to be part of the Coopersville/Polkton Fire Department and part of this community.

Public Hearing-Michigan Gas Ordinance Amendment and Franchise Agreement

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to open the public hearing at 7:04 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 116)

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that this is a renewal of their existing agreement that is due to expire. The new agreement will allow them to operate in the city for another thirty (30) years.

Being no further discussion or questions, a motion was made by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to close the public hearing at 7:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 117)

Citizens Input and Suggestions NONE

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2024-118)

- *Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 11, 2024*
- *Montgomery Excavating Change Order No. 3 Decrease, Totaling (\$121,611.79)*
- *Montgomery Excavating Final Pay Application No. 6, Totaling \$24,912.02*
- *Checks through December 9, 2024, Totaling \$546,178.72*
- *Council Information Packet*

Petitions and Communications

Discussion/Action-Asset Test/Poverty Exemption Policy for 2025

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Asset Test/Poverty Exemption Policy for 2025. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 119)

Petitions and Communications continued

Discussion/Action-Proposed Resolution for 2025/2026 Schedule of Board Meetings

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the 2025/2026 Schedule of Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 120)

Discussion/Action-Michigan Gas Utilities Repeal and Adoption of New Ordinance Renewing Franchise Agreement

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the repeal and adoption of a new ordinance to renew Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Agreement for thirty (30) years. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 121)

Discussion/Action-Proposed 2025 Water and Sewer Rate Increase by .51%

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the proposed 2025 Water and Sewer rate increase by .51%. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 122)

Discussion/Action-Resolution Commitment with MDOT for Grove Street Bridge Widening

MDOT approved 3.2 million dollars for the Grove Street Bridge Project which will be let out for bidding in June 2026. Sidewalks will be required to be installed on both sides of the bridge due to the requirements of the Safe Routes to School Grant. MDOT will contribute \$175,000.00 for the project. The city will be responsible for any costs, beyond the \$175,000.00. The school will receive \$75,000.00 for non-infrastructure costs. The \$75,000.00 may be used for engineering costs. City Manager, Dennis Luce, is communicating with the school on the non-infrastructure funds.

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Resolution of Commitment with MDOT for the Grove Street Bridge widening. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 123)

Discussion/Action-Resolution to Enroll in the fire Insurance Withholding Program

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Resolution to enroll in the Fire Insurance Withholding Program. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 – 124)

Citizen Input and Suggestions NONE

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

New City Council Members emails have been set up.

HOM Flats is withdrawing their project from the city.

Great turnout for the Christmas Parade – Kate Terpstra did a great job.

While there seems to be, a lot of negativeness towards things being accomplished in the city, here is a few reminders on some of the positive progress that has been made:

Bridge Bundle Program/Funding, Southeast Regional Force Main, Safe Routes to School Project and Funding, Continental Dairy and fair life, and the East Gateway.

City Hall will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st.

Happy Holidays to everyone

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Kimberly Borgman wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season

City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Keribeth Rogers wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2024 - 125)