

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

April 14, 2025

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

Absent: NONE

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings

Jeff Cunningham, Local Officers Compensation Commission Member

Jeff Cunningham presented the wage increase for the Council Members and Mayor that was decided by the Local Officers Compensation Commission at their bi-annual meeting held in March 2025. The Commission increased the Council Members wages from \$119.01 per meeting to \$125.00 per meeting, and the Mayors wages, from \$181.91 per meeting to \$190.00 per meeting. Mr. Cunningham also expressed the Compensation Commission's appreciation and gratefulness to the Council Members and Mayor for all they do, in serving the community.

Several Council Members, and the Mayor, stated that they did not feel a wage increase was necessary or needed due to the current state of the economy and the increase in property taxes, adding further that they are not serving the community for the money.

Council Members and the Mayor will vote on a Resolution to Decline the Wage Increases at the May 2025 meeting.

Public Hearing – Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget & Millage

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to open the public hearing at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 029)

City Manager Dennis Luce presented "Draft A" of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 of the balanced Budget.

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that there would not be any millage increases, and there will be a reduction of .25 percent due to the city no longer utilizing the services of Four Pointes for the Senior Programs. Mr. Luce highlighted the Major Projects, Additional Expenses, Fund Balance, and the Financial Impact on the City.

There were no further questions or comments, a Motion was made by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to close the public hearing at 7:32 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 030)

Citizens Input and Suggestions NONE

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2025 031)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 10, 2025***
- ***Checks through April 14, 2025, Totaling \$998,113.15***
- ***Council Information Packet***

Petitions and Communications

Discussion – Proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget and Millage

The proposed Draft “A” FY 2025- 2026 Budget & Millage was recommended by City Manager Dennis Luce.

Council Member Gerard asked why the city is paying for a portion of the pond maintenance at the school, and he expressed his opposition to the paving of the Park & Ride at the East Gateway, and paying extra to the MERS Plan which both are part of the proposed budget for 2025-2026. City Manager Dennis Luce stated that enhancing the Park & Ride, which does get used a lot, is important as it is the East Gateway entrance into the city.

Council Member Degeus requested a total cost on items that have been cut from the budget.

Council Member Gavin stated that Proposed Budget was fair and reasonable.

Discussion/Action-Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, Totaling \$39,500.00

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the quote from Plummers Environmental Services to clean out selected areas of the sanitary sewer lines as part of the annual preventative maintenance totaling \$39,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2025-032)

Discussion/Action-Resolution for the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments as follows: Motion carried unanimously. (2025-033)

- I. General Fund**
 - A. *Legal Fees increase by \$25,000 to \$50,000*
 - B. *Building Inspector Contractual Services increase by \$200,000 to \$350,000*
 - C. *Historical Museum Capital Expenditure increase by \$60,000 to \$60,000*
- II. Local Streets**
 - A. *Repairs & Maintenance increase by \$400,000 to \$1,016,000*
- III. Water Fund**
 - A. *Capital Expenditure increase by \$800,000 to \$800,000*
- IV. Equipment Fund**
 - A. *Repairs & Maintenance increase by \$20,000 to \$60,000*

Discussion/Action-Extension of the Coopersville/Polkton Senior Recreation Agreement

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Senior Recreational Services Program Contract between the City of Coopersville and Polkton Township through June 30, 2027, contingent on approval by Polkton Township. Motion carried unanimously. (2025-034)

Discussion/Action-60th Avenue Booster Station Valve Actuator Replacement(s), Totaling \$84,689.00

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the quote from Northwest Kent Mechanical totaling \$84,689.00 to supply and install the three (3) new Rotork Pro Series Actuators and control wiring. Motion carried unanimously. (2025-035)

Discussion/Action-Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier Building Overhead Door Replacement and Repairs Totaling \$11,653.00.

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the replacement and repairs contingent on the outcome of an insurance claim, and to approve the difference in the pricing of a fabric/cloth door to a steel door being purchased and installed instead of a cloth door.(Difference between what insurance will pay and the cost of a steel door) Motion carried unanimously. (2025-036)

Citizens Input/Suggestions

Resident Jeff Cunningham explained to the Council why the city is paying for a portion of the pond maintenance at the school. Mr. Cunningham stated that the city was a fiduciary partner with the school on a grant that was obtained in 1989. At the time the pond was designated as a county drain, and the city and school had an agreement for maintenance on the pond.

City Manager, Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *Working on a Grant for the Main Street Bridge*
- *Sgt. Sykes Retired. Sgt. Knott is filling in as the Sheriff's Department is currently having some staffing issues and they are currently reorganizing.*
- *Master Plan Surveys close April 25, 2025*
- *Spring Clean-up is May 2, 2025*
- *Yard Waste Pickup began on May 1, 2025*
- *Will be posting for a Deputy Treasurer position in a couple of weeks due to an upcoming retirement.*

City Clerk's Report NONE

City Treasurer's Report NONE

Mayor Bush's Comment

Mayor Bush stated that the new Blocking Truck for the Fire Department is all set. Other area fire departments have partnered with our Fire Department and NEOC has invested as well.

The Fire Department also has a new one (1) Ton Rescue Truck.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Gavin to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously. (2025 - 037)

Kenneth Bush, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk