

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

**May 12, 2025**

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

**Absent:** Council Member Gavin

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Bowman to excuse the absence of Council Member Gavin. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 038)

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** NONE

**Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings** NONE

**Citizens Input and Suggestions**

Sue Buth, 293 Gallery, Main Street, requested clarification on the \$75,000 for Phase II for the Merlin enclosure at the Historical Museum in the proposed 2025-2026 DDA Budget. Ms. Buth stated that the Historical Museum does not pay any property taxes so how and why does the \$75,000 come out of the DDA Budget? City Manager, Dennis Luce, stated that the Historical Museum is in the DDA District.

Ms. Buth stated that more promotion is needed for the businesses in the DDA District as things are stagnant right now, and the DDA should not be paying for a director to do nothing, and the Director should not be the City Manager, as it is a conflict of interest. \*Note: *The DDA Bylaws and City ordinance requires that the City Manager to be the director of the DDA.*

Ms. Buth also stated that the \$75,000 that was removed for new barricades for the Department of Public Works should not have been removed from the budget as they are needed for safety purposes for events. Ms. Buth stated that most cities have better police coverage at their events also.

Ms. Buth stated that the DDA needs some help and more funding.

**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. (2025 039)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 14, 2025***
- ***Checks through May 12, 2025, Totaling \$766,577.92***
- ***Third Quarter Financials***
- ***Council Information Packet***

**Petitions and Communications**

**Discussion –FY 2025-2026 Budget and Millage**

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Degeus to approve “Draft A” of the FY 2025-2026 Budget & Millage as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 040)

**Petitions and Communications continued**

**Discussion/Action-Local Officers Compensation Commission Proposal/Resolution**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Resolution to decline the Local Officers Compensation Commission's recommendation for a pay increase. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 041)

**Discussion/Action-AAA Lawn Care Proposal, Totaling \$25,141**

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the proposal from AAA Lawn Care totaling \$25,141, to help the DPW staff properly maintain various areas throughout the city with aeration, fertilizing, and weed control. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 042)

**Discussion/Action-City Hall Cleaning Contract**

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the contract renewal with Custom Maid Cleaning, effective May 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 043)

**Discussion/Action – Reserve of Coopersville Storm Water Agreement**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Storm Water Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Coopersville and VB Development, LLC, for The Reserve of Coopersville II Condominium, Phase 2 & 3. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 044)

**Citizens Input/Suggestions** NONE

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

- *Interviews for the Deputy Treasurer position will begin this week and will continue next week if needed.*
- *Bid Opening for Eagle Ridge and Meadow Green Road repairs will be May 20, 2025*
- *The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be at City Hall on June 11. Appointments are not necessary, but they will take precedence over walk-ins.*
- *Good job to Kim and Lydia in the May Election*
- *Cleaning of sewer lines will be taking place in the next couple of weeks.*
- *The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report and the Fire Authority Contribution Analysis Report are both included in the Council Information Packet*
- *Westwind will be presenting some minor changes to their site plan during May 19, 2025, Planning Commission meeting.*

**City Clerk Kimberly Borgman reported on the following:**

- *Presented the turnout numbers for May 6, 2025, Election*
- *Updated the Council on the total number of candidates that filed to run for Council and Mayor and informed the Council that there would not be an August Primary Election*

**City Treasurer Keri Rogers reported on the following:**

- *The current budget and the new FY 2025-2026 Budget are on the City's website.*

**Mayor Bush's report on the following:**

The fire department and several surrounding fire departments performed "Farm" training this past weekend. They trained the entire weekend.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 - 045)

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Kenneth Bush, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk