

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

January 12, 2026

Present: Council Member Bowman Council Member Weise
Council Member Degeus Mayor Mooney
Council Member Poelma

Absent: Council Member Gerard, Council Member Gavin

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Weise to excuse the absence of Council Member Gavin and Council Member Gerard. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 - 001)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings NONE

Citizens Input and Suggestions

City Resident Jamie Adams addressed the Council concerning the Senior Recreation Department not having their own budget line. Needs to be more accountability in the Senior Recreation Program. The luncheon last week was not what was advertised or scheduled as posted.

Jamie Adams also stated that the odor from the Dairy has been bad and the Dairy needs to treat the lagoons.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 002)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 8, 2025***
- ***Checks through January 12, 2026, Totaling \$3,136,671.99***
- **Council Information Packet which consists of the following:**
 - Monthly Permits Issued for December 2025
 - *Downtown Development Authority Minutes from December 2025*
 - *Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report from November 2025*
 - *Coopersville/Polkton Fire Department Meeting Minutes from December 2025*
 - *Senior Recreation Newsletter and Calendar January 2026*
 - *Charter Communications Updates*
 - *State Tax Commission Certificate of Achievement*

Petitions and Communications

Discussion/Action-Closed Session of City Council as permitted under Section 8(1)(d) of Michigan's Open Meetings Act

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to enter in to "Closed Session" to consider the purchase or lease of a real property interest at 7:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 003)

Roll Call vote was taken by City Clerk Kimberly Borgman.

Council Member Bowman – Yes

Council Member Poelma – Yes

Mayor Mooney – Yes

Council Member Weise – Yes

Council Member Degeus - Yes

***Open Session of the Meeting Resumed at 7:15 P.M.**

Petitions and Communications continued

Discussion/Action – Board of Review Budget Request for Increase

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the increase to the annual not-to-exceed compensation cap for Board of Review members from \$700 to \$900 to ensure compliance with the State of Michigan Board of Review training requirements and to appropriately compensate members for the time required to complete mandated training. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 004)

Discussion/Action – Reappointments to Board Positions

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Weise to approve the recommendations for reappointments of the following people, to the following board positions: Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 005)

- ***Randy Hoolsema – Board of Review – 3-year term***
- ***Tracy Muller – Fire Station Building Authority Board – 1- year term***

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that there are additional open board seats on the following boards:

Planning Commission – One Seat – 3-year term

Property Maintenance Board of Appeals – One Seat – 2-year term

Zoning Board of Appeals – One regular seat and two alternate positions – 3-year terms

Discussion/Action – Design Engineering for the 2026 Street Improvements to Eastmanville Street, Mill Street, and Heath Manufacturing Storm Sewer Relocation, Totaling 54,200.

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the design engineering to be performed by Prein and Newhof, totaling \$54,200. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 006)

Discussion-2026 – 2030 Community Parks and Recreation Plan DNR Follow-Up

City Manager Dennis Luce presented an update on the 2026-2030 Community Parks and Recreation Plan regarding recent communication with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The DNR is requesting an updated community survey as the City's most recent stand-alone parks and recreation survey was completed in 2021, and due to the passage of time, the DNR believes that the community goals and priorities may have evolved since that survey was conducted.

As a result of the DNR feedback, the city has initiated a Parks and Recreation specific Google Community Survey to gather updated input on current park usage, future needs, and desired improvements. Once the survey period closes, staff will evaluate the responses and compare them with the goals, objectives, and action items contained in the draft plan.

If the survey results indicate that community priorities remain consistent with those already identified in the plan, no substantive changes will be required. In that case, an additional 30-day public comment period and public hearing would not be necessary. However, if new goals, priorities, or significant changes are identified through the survey, the draft plan will need to be updated, accordingly. Any substantive updates would require a new 30-day public notice period and a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for March.

Public involvement is very important in developing the 2026 – 2030 Community Parks and Recreation Plan. The City is encouraging residents and others that may use the parks or have children involved in Coopersville Recreation to take the Google Survey that can be found on the City website, the City's social media page, or residents can complete a hardcopy at City Hall.

Petitions and Communications continued

Discussion-2026 – 2030 Community Parks and Recreation Plan DNR Follow-Up

Planning Process and Tentative Timeline

The plan will be updated, as necessary, to reflect existing conditions, community input, and anticipated community needs identified through the Google survey.

The following schedule outlines the remaining steps leading to final adoption:

- Parks and Recreation Google Survey: December 30, 2025 – January 29, 2026
- Draft Available for 30-Day Public Review: Beginning February 5, 2026
- Public Hearing and Adoption by City Council: March 9, 2026
- Plan Completion and DNR Submittal: March 2026

Discussion/Action – Prein and Newhof Construction Engineering Services for Safe Routes to School, totaling \$149,000

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Construction Engineering totaling \$149,000 for Safe Routes to School. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 007)

Discussion/Action – Purchase and Installation of a New Flood Pump at the Main Lift Station, Not to Exceed \$100,000

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the purchase and installation of a New Flood Pump at the Main Lift Station, not to exceed \$100,000. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 008)

Citizens Input/Suggestions NONE

City Manager's Report

City Manager Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- I hope everyone had a great time over the holidays and were able to relax and enjoy some time with friends and family. Happy New Year
- Celebrate Coopersville will be held on Thursday, March 5, 6p-9p at the UA Local Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall. Proceeds will support the NBT (North Bank Trail).
- We still have 1 Planning Commission seat, 1 regular ZBA seat and 2 alternate ZBA seats that need to be filled. Please have candidates submit a city boards application to city hall.
- Secretary of State Mobile Office was here on January 5th. The next one will be on April 6th.
- Unfortunately, we did not receive the MDOT Railroad Crossing grant to help the Coop/Marne Railway fix their tracks crossing Eastmanville Street, but they have agreed to make some repairs to the crossing before Eastmanville Street resurfacing project begins.
- We have a lot going on...
 - McKenna is finishing up the final drafts of the Master Plan & DDA TIF Plan
 - Then, they will work on the zoning ordinance rewrite.
 - SERFM project continues. The lift station at 64th/Randall, the city's Main Lift Station upgrades, working with engineers in the process for turning our wastewater ponds into emergency storage ponds and decommissioning plans for WWTP.
 - Working on the East/Cleveland Lift Station Upgrades
 - Significant amount of time working on two potential grant funding to help support a major watermain project that would add redundancy and capacity to our water system.
- Boxcar Bargains, 250 Main St. Grand Opening Thursday, January 15, 9 A.M.

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman announced the need for additional Election Inspectors, stating further that we will have eighteen (18) days of Early Voting this year.

City Treasurer Keri Rogers

City Treasurer, Keri Rogers announced that W-2's will be mailed out this week.

Mayor Brian Mooney's report on the following:

- *City Manager Dennis Luce is doing a great job.*
- *Agrees with Jamie Adams on the odor coming from the Dairy.*

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to adjourn the meeting 7:35 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 009)

Brian Mooney, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk