

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

**February 9, 2026**

**Present:** Council Member Bowman Council Member Poelma  
Council Member Degeus Council Member Weise  
Council Member Gavin Mayor Mooney  
Council Member Gerard

**Absent:** NONE

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda** NONE

**Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings**

**Scheduled Guest-District 11 County Commissioner Allison Miedema with County Updates**

- *County Commissioner Allison Miedema presented County updates on the following to the Council:*
- *Community Mental Health-Keep as a County Department vs forming an Authority Board to manage it.*
- *Veterans-Honorary Awards cards are available.*
- *Upcoming Seminars on Property Fraud, Financial Scams, etc. February 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> @ Ottawa County.*
- *Updates on P.A. 233 referring to Battery Storage.*
- *Ms. Miedema serves on the Local Emergency Response Committee, and she presented an update on the one hundred (one hundred) car pile on 131 due to severe weather that recently took place. Several injuries but no fatalities.*
- *Upcoming Supreme Court hearing/ruling on Property Taxes.*
- *Health Department is reviewing vaccination policies.*

**Citizens Input and Suggestions**

City Resident Jamie Adams addressed the Council for the third time regarding the sour milk odor coming from Continental Dairy and fairlife. Jamie Adams also stated that the possibility of bringing in bus transportation for Seniors is still being pursued, as well as different means of financial assistance to help offset the cost for the service.

City Resident Benjamin Quist addressed the Council on the sour milk odor coming from Continental Dairy and fairlife. Mr. Quist stated that the odor is getting worse. Mr. Quist also stated that the deer herd in the city is getting larger and would like to know what the city plans to do about it.

Mike Silver WWTP Operator from Continental Dairy/fairlife informed the Council that they have a “Tiger Team” of seven employees working on the odor issues from the dairies trying to figure out what is causing the smell. Mr. Silver stated that they thought the issue was improving.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 010)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting on January 12, 2026***
- ***Closed Session Minutes of the City Council Meeting on January 12, 2026***
- ***Second Quarter FY 2025-2026 Financials***
- ***Checks through February 9, 2026, Totaling \$1,200,938.32***
- ***Council Information Packet***

## **Petitions and Communications**

### **Discussion/Action-Budget Amendment Resolution**

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 011)

### **Discussion-Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update**

City Manager Dennis Luce presented the update. Mr. Luce stated that per the recent surveys, more recreation services for seniors were requested, as well as more nature walk trails. Mr. Luce informed the Council that a Public Hearing will be held at the March 2026 Council meeting on the Recreation Master Plan. City Council will also act on the plan in March.

### **Discussion/Action – Prein & Newhof Design Engineering for Secondary Water Main, Totaling \$150,000**

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gerard to approve Prein & Newhof for the Design Engineering for the Secondary Water Main, totaling \$150,000. City Manager Dennis Luce stated that fairlife has agreed to reimburse the city for this expense. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 012)

### **Discussion/Action – Randall Street Bridge Load Limits and Bridge Updates**

Randall Street Bridge - Brechting Bridge & Engineering has recently inspected, the Randall Street Bridge and they are recommending that the city establish a load rating and posting of weight limits to help extend the life of the structure to strike a balance between preserving access and reducing, overstressing of the bridge. By posting the load limits it will also improve the city's ability to compete for state and federal funding by formally documenting structural limitations. The Bridge Engineer has recommended the following load posting:

25 tons – 1-Unit Trucks, 30 tons – 2-Unit Trucks, 40 tons – 3-Unit Trucks.

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to approve posting load limits for the Randall Street bridge per the recommendations from the bridge engineer. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 013)

City Manager Dennis Luce also presented an update on the Grove and Main Street Bridges:

#### **Grove Street Bridge**

Letting date has been pushed to November 2026.

- Construction schedule remains unchanged.
- MDOT had temporarily held Rural Bridge/Bridge Bundle funds while pursuing a federal grant, but those funds are now being released.
- Grove Street Bridge is guaranteed funding.
- Construction is expected to be completed by late Fall 2027.

#### **Main Street Bridge**

- The city will receive \$3 million toward the Main Street Bridge replacement project scheduled for 2028.
- City staff, the bridge engineer, and City engineers are actively working on early preparation for this project.

## **Citizens Input/Suggestions**

City Resident Tom Toogood suggested that just one weight limit be posted for Randall Street Bridge. Mr. Toogood stated that it gets too complicated for truck drivers when there is, more than one weight limit posted.

## **City Manager's Report**

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

- Celebrate Coopersville Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6p-9p at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall
- We still have 1 Planning Commission seat, one regular ZBA seat and two 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 5<sup>th</sup>. The next one will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**City Manager's Report continued**

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

- We have a lot of projects that we are working on-
- Working on two large grants that if approved would help support a large Water Main Project to add capacity and redundancy to our city water supply.
- Working with fairlife on their plans for a potential \$500M expansion
- Still working on the SERFM project, specifically the W. Randall Station and planning for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (a \$72M project).
- Fairlife and CDF expected to start sending flows by the end of February. The weather may have pushed this timeline back a bit. Working with engineers to continue having some dairy flows directed to our WWTP for food.
- Grove Street Bridge Project – We have been ensured that we are still guaranteed funding. MDOT was using the rural bridge funds as matching dollars for a federal grant. There is a 6-month delay in the letting date, but I am told it will still be in November 2026 and construction in 2027.
- Next week's PC meeting. McKenna will present a draft of the Master Plan
- Upgrades to 60th Booster Station continue. They are about done with upgrades to all three pumps.
- Upcoming upgrades to the Main Lift Station as the SERM project continues.
- Expect pothole season to be rough this year with the harsh winter weather, the DPW will be working hard this spring on filling them.
- A big shout out to the DPW this season for doing such a great job on the roads.
- Advised the public that the City Council and Staff do listen to citizen concerns and complaints. These issues are followed up on and addressed if there is any merit to the complaint. These issues are typically managed internally. Some complex issues may take longer to rectify while other issues can be taken care of quickly. The best way to follow up on an inquiry or complaint is to contact City Hall

**City Clerk Kimberly Borgman**

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman informed the Council that there will be a May School Election and the Clerk's Department is currently working on all the Early Voting schedules for the August Primary Election, in which there will be a lot of upcoming training to attend.

**City Treasurer Keri Rogers** NONE

**Mayor Brian Mooney's report on the following:**

- *Thanked Allison Miedema for attending and presenting the County Updates*
- *Thanked Continental Dairy, and fairlife for working on the sour milk odor and for being present at the meeting to explain how they are addressing the issue.*
- *Thanked all the citizens for their input.*

**Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Degeus to adjourn the meeting 7:42 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 009)

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Brian Mooney, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk