

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

April 13, 2026

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

Absent: Council Member Degeus

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to excuse the absence of Council Member Degeus. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 031)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings

Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget & Millage

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bowman to open the public hearing at 7:01 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 032)

City Manager presented the proposed 2026 – 2027 Budget and Millage.

City Resident Robert LaCross inquired about the cost, to relocate the Lift Station at Cleveland and East Streets. City Manager Dennis Luce stated that this Lift Station will most likely be relocated to the south of the existing location and the city has budgeted 1.4 million dollars for the project.

There being no further comments a Motion was made by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Poelma to close the public hearing at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 033)

Public Hearing-Downtown Development Authority Master Plan/TIF Plan

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Weise to open the public hearing at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 034)

Jim McManus of McKenna presented the updated plan that was approved by the DDA in February 2026 and has been forwarded to the City Council for final consideration and adoption. Mr. McManus stated that the amended legal descriptions are included in the new fifteen (15) year TIF Plan.

There being no further comments a Motion was made by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bowman to close the public hearing at 7:12 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 035)

Citizens Input and Suggestions NONE

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 036)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 9, 2026***
- ***Checks through April 13, 2026, Totaling \$757,771.89***
- ***Third Quarter Financials***
- ***Council Information Packet***

Petitions and Communications

Discussion – Proposed FY 2026 -2027 Budget & Millage

Council Member Weise stated that he likes the fact that we are not increasing the millage rate.

Council Member Bowman stated that he likes the fact that we are still maintaining the forty (40) percent fund balance.

Council Member Gerard stated that he would lower the proposed three and a half percent wage increase for employees as he would only give two-two and a half percent increases to his own employees. Council Member Gerard also thanked the city for the increase that will be given to the Fire Department. The Fire Department will soon be looking at Capital Improvements Projects.

Council Member Gerard questioned the proposed amount for MERS, stating further that he does not feel that MERS manages money very well.

Discussion/Action – Downtown Development Authority Master Plan/Tax Increment Financing Plan

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the 2026 – 2027 Downtown Development Authority Master Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan as presented. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin opposing. (2026 – 037)

Discussion/Action – City Treasurer Search/Hiring Committee

City Staff recommended appointing two (2) or three (3) Council Members and one (1) Community Member to the City Treasurer search/hiring committee to replace Keri Rogers. City Resident, Eric Van Dop has volunteered to serve as the Community Member. Keri Rogers and City Manager Dennis Luce will also serve on the committee.

Council Members Bowman and Poelma volunteered to serve on the committee with Mayor Mooney, volunteering, to serve as an Alternate.

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve Council Members Bowman, Poelma, Mayor Mooney as Alternate and Community Member/Resident Eric Van Dop to serve on the Search/Hiring committee for a Treasurer to replace Keri Rogers upon her retirement in January 2027. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 038)

City Manager Dennis Luce will set up a meeting to finalize the posting, interview process, and meeting schedule, and will execute the timeline to meet the recommended September 10, 2026, target date.

Discussion/Action – Consideration of Board Application for Election Commission

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to approve the appointment of Cynthia (Cindy) Chesla to serve on the Election Commission, replacing Commissioner Alvina Van Doorn, who recently resigned. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 039)

Discussion/Action – 60th Avenue Booster Station Upgrades, Totaling \$28,947

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the quote from Northwest Kent Mechanical totaling \$28,497 to replace the Rotork Actuator on the 60th Avenue Booster Station. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 040)

Discussion/Action – East Street/Grove Street Valve Replacement, Totaling \$15,200

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the proposed valve replacement project at Grove Street and East Street by City Services totaling \$15,200. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 041)

Discussion/Action – Resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Rates, as it relates to all meter sizes including the addition of an 8-inch meter, associated trunkage charges, and a water meter testing deposit. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 042)

Meter Size	Metron-Farnier Meter Charge
5/8 ”	400 + \$150 = \$550 (Meter + Fittings)
3/4 “	\$400 + \$150 = \$550 (Meter + Fittings)
1”	\$625 + \$160 = \$785 (Meter + Fittings)
1 ½ “	\$850 + \$160 = \$1,000 (Meter + Fittings)
2”	\$1,250 + \$175 = \$1,425 (Meter + Fittings)
4”	\$3,250 + \$545 = \$3,795 (Meter + Fittings)
6”	\$6,250 + \$545 = \$6,795 (Meter + Fittings)
8”	\$7,500 + \$750 = \$8,250 (Meter + Fittings)

2. Establishment of 8-Inch Trunkage Charge

The proposed trunkage fee accounts for the increased demand placed on the City’s water system by larger meter sizes. The trunkage charge is based on a pumping capacity of 2,800 gallons per minute and a multiplying factor of 180, resulting in a total fee of \$90,000. This fee helps offset the impact, to the City’s water infrastructure and supports long-term system capacity and sustainability.

Meter Size	Gallons Per Minute	Multiplying Factor	Water	Sewer
8”	2,800	180	\$90,000	\$180,000

3. Water Meter Testing Deposit – \$1,000

The amendment also establishes a \$1,000 deposit for customers who dispute the accuracy of their water meter.

Discussion/Action – Resolution Supporting and Identifying Local Match Funds for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to approve the resolution supporting the North Bank Trail Project and authorizing the submission of grant applications to advance the community initiative, and recognizing the funding mechanisms that are identified as matching funds toward the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant opportunity offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 043)

Discussion/Action – Proposal to Allow Rotary Fundraiser BBQ, Bags, and Brews Event at Veterans Park

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Rotary Club of Coopersville’s request to host the BBQ, Bags, and Brews Event, with the sales of alcoholic beverages, at Veterans Park on May 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 044)

City Manager's Report

City Manager Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- Final Draft of the Master Plan presented to the Planning Commission next week- Monday.
- Recognize a very Special Tribute from Representative Luke Meerman's Office and signed by Rep Meerman, Senator Mark Huizenga, Lt Gov Garlin Gilchrist, & Gov Whitmer recognizing Ken Bush's 40+ years of dedicated public service to the City of Coopersville
- Rotary working with the Rotary Interact Students (Young Rotarian Group) & the Girl Scouts Coopersville Cares Shed behind the Community Services Building for canned and boxed food open 24/7.
- Euchre Tournament on Saturday, April 18 at 5pm at 327 Pizza & Pub proceeds benefiting the North Bank Trail
- This Years Senior Prom is a Country Hoedown theme this Wednesday, April 15, 3p-6p at the Community Services Building for those sixty and older.
- Community Expo on May 16th from 10a to 1p at the Community Services Building an opportunity to learn about Family Support Services, Senior Resources, Youth Programs, Health & Wellness Information and Community Volunteer Opportunities
- Began sending waste through the Low Flow Station (old lift station) on Friday morning. Switched back to regular waste back to the city over the weekend. Everything went well during the test. Having electrical issues with the control valves at the High Flow Station.
- We have a lot of projects that we are working on-
 - Working on Phase One of a second Water Main Project to add capacity and redundancy to our city water supply (expected to be a \$15.5M project)- approved by the MEDC & MSF Board, goes to the appropriations committees.
 - Working with Fairlife on a potential \$500M expansion, 140 new jobs
 - Upgrades to the East Street Lift Station- Engineering to determine if location is suitable prior to design engineering.
 - Grove Street Bridge Project – November 2026 letting date, Construction in 2027
 - \$3M Main Street Bridge grant scheduled for 2028.
 - Upcoming upgrades to the Main Lift Station as the SERM project continues.

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman thanked Alvina Van Doorn for her service to the Election Commission and welcomed her replacement Cynthia Chesla.

City Treasurer Keri Rogers Absent (On Vacation)

Mayor Brian Mooney's report on the following:

Mayor Mooney thanked City Manager Dennis Luce and the Staff for the excellent job that was performed on the budget.

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bowman to adjourn the meeting 7:44 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 045)

Brian Mooney, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk