

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

July 13, 2026

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

Absent: *Council Member Weise*

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Gavin to excuse the absence of Council Member Weise. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 073)

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Degeus to add Discussion/Action on changing the City Council meeting time to 6:00 P.M to Item 8.K, under Petitions and Communications to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 074)

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings

Recognition and Appreciation of James (Jim) and Lillian (Lill) Budzynski

Mayor Mooney presented a Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to Jim and Lill Budzynski for their dedication of more than four (4) decades to preserving, documenting, and sharing the rich history of the City of Coopersville.

Public Hearing-Downtown Development Authority Amended and Restated Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Poelma to open the Public Hearing, At 7:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 075)

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that the amended plan modernizes the City's long range downtown redevelopment strategy while remaining consistent with the City's Master Plan and State Law. Adoption of the ordinance does not create additional debt or extend the life of the existing DDA district but provides the updated roadmap for future downtown improvements.

Being no further comments were presented, a Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Poelma to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026-076)

Public Hearing – Southside Bar & Grill, Request for Temporary Variance to City Noise Ordinance for August 2026

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to open the Public Hearing at 7:07 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 077)

Robert Sikkema, Owner of Southside Bar & Grill stated that the proceeds from this event supports the Coopersville High School Seniors "All Nighter Group" and several other non-profit organizations in the city. Mr. Sikkema stated that the music stops at 11:00 P.M. and all patrons are out of the tent(s) by midnight. Mr. Sikkema stated that this event has been taking place for many years.

A letter that was received by City Staff from an anonymous resident asking that the variance not be extended past 11:00 P.M.

Public Hearing – Southside Bar & Grill, Request for Temporary Variance to City Noise Ordinance for August 2026

Continued

Council Member Degeus asked if there were any reports from the Sheriff's Department on calls for noise complaints last year. City Manager stated that he had not received any reports from the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 078)

Citizens Input and Suggestions

City Resident Jamie Adams addressed the Council regarding the new water line for the fairlife expansion. Jamie asked who would be paying for the new water line if the grant(s) or funding is not approved or awarded.

Matt McKinnon, Recreation Director reported on the Mini Sports Camps that are currently taking place. Matt has six (6) aides and two (2) interns from Grand Valley. The Kids Basket provides a snack bag, and fairlife provides the milk. Mat also reported that the refrigerator they use to store the snacks and drinks quit working last week. Bekins and Mr. Vallor each donated refrigerators to the Recreation Department. A big "Thank You" to both for the donations.

Joe Moss County Commissioner and Candidate for State Representative introduced himself to the Council.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 079)

- *Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 8, 2026*
- *Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of June 29, 2026*
- *Bob's Asphalt and Paving, 2026 Street Improvements Mill, Eastmanville, and Heath Mfg. Storm Drain, Pay Application No. 3, Totaling \$121,655.57*
- *Checks through July 13, 2026, Totaling \$1,524,905.69*
- *Council Information Packet*

Petitions and Communications

Discussion/Action – Consideration for Approval of Ordinance NO. 191 for Downtown Development Authority Amended and Restated Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the amendment to Ordinance NO. 191 for the Downtown Development Authority Restated Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin opposing. (2026 – 080)

Discussion/Action – Consideration for Additional Appropriation-Biosolids Removal for Southeast Regional Force Main Project Totaling \$125,000 (Original quote was for \$125,000. Once the contractor started the removal process they discovered that the biosolids were deeper than their initial assessment. \$200,000 was approved by Council to allow for further variables)

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the Additional Appropriation for Biosolids Removal for the Southeast Regional Force Main Project not to exceed \$200,000.00. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin Abstaining. (2026 – 081)

Discussion/Action – Approval to Purchase Wright ZXT Zero Turn Mower Totaling \$14,865.00 Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the purchase of the Wright ZXT Zero Turn Mower totaling \$14,865.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 082)

Discussion/Action – Southside Bar and Grill Temporary Variance to City Noise Ordinance

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Temporary Variance to the City Noise Ordinance for Southside Bar and Grill for August 7th and August 8th, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 083)

Discussion/Action – Continuation of Decommissioning Engineering at the WWTP, Totaling \$30,000.00

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Decommissioning Engineering to be performed by Prein and Newhof, totaling \$30,000.00. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin Abstaining. (2026 – 084)

Discussion/Action – Approval to Purchase New Caterpillar (CAT) 420 Backhoe/Industrial Loader, Totaling \$154,942.57

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the purchase of a new Caterpillar (CAT) 420 Backhoe/Industrial Loader, totaling \$154,942.57. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 085)

Discussion/Action – Approval to proceed with Phase 3 of the City Hall Community Center Rehabilitation Project, Totaling \$115,735.00

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Degeus to approve Phase 3 of the City Hall Community Center Rehabilitation Project totaling \$115,735.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 086)

Discussion/Action – Replace Pump Rails at the East Gateway Lift Station, Totaling \$11,559.00

Motion by Council Member Degeus with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the replacement of the Pump Rails at the East Gateway Lift Station totaling \$11,559.00. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 087)

Discussion/Action – Prein & Newhof Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 3 68th Ave Transmission Main Engineering, Totaling \$135,000.00

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Prein & Newhof Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 3, 68th Avenue Transmission Main Engineering totaling \$135,000.00. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin Abstaining. (2026 – 088)

Discussion/Action – Board and Commission Reappointments

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Degeus to approve the Boards and Commissions Reappointments as presented (*list of reappointments are attached to these minutes*) with the addition of Sarah Wilson to the ZBA as the Planning Commission Representative: Motion carried with Council Member Gerard Opposing. (2026 – 089)

Discussion/Action – City Council Meeting Proposed Time Change

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Degus to change the City Council Meeting Start time to 6:00 P.M. beginning August 10, 2026. Motion carried with Mayor Mooney Opposing. (2026 – 090)

Citizens Input/Suggestions

Matt McKinnon, Recreation Director thanked the DPW for all their help while he was in the hospital recently.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *Still waiting to hear back on the 68th Avenue Grant*
- *Interviewing for the Treasurer's position began today*
- *Next Music on Main is July 23rd*
- *Summerfest begins August 5th*
- *Thanked Tyler Austin for his work on the Heath Manufacturing/Danforth Street Project*

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman informed the Council of a new Election Law. The new does not allow any newly elected or re-elected candidate to take the Oath until December 1 after 12:00 P.M. She also reminded everyone that Early Voting begins July 25th for the August Primary Election.

City Treasurer Keri Rogers NONE

Mayor Brian Mooney's report on the following:

- *Thanked Jim and Lill Budzynski for their decades of service to the City of Coopersville*
- *Thanked Bob Sikkema for supporting the Community*
- *Addressed Resident Jamie Adams stating that Item 8.I. should answer his questions on the Grant/No Grant money for the fairlife expansion*
- *Thanked Matt McKinnon for assisting and acknowledging an individual, who recently donated to the Coopersville Recreation Department*

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Degeus to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 091)

Brian Mooney, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Reappointments Approved by City Council on 7/13/26

BOARD or COMMISSION	TERM	EXPIRES
Cemetery Board • Deborah Mauk	2 Years	07/2026
Cemetery Board • Tricia Bush	2 Years	7/2026
Downtown Development Authority • Betsy Merkins	4 Years	7/2026
Downtown Development Authority • Jan Ver Berkmoes	4 Years	7/2026
Planning Commission • Mike Heinz	3 Years	7/2026
Planning Commission • Robert LaCross	2 Years	7/2026
Planning Commission • Tara Weise	2 Years	7/2026
Recreation Board • Todd Adams	1 Year	7/2026
Recreation Board • John Barrett	1 Year	7/2026
Recreation Board • Josh Eisen	1 Year	7/2026
Recreation Board • Shane Gerard	1 Year	7/2026
Recreation Board • Kelly Hecksel	1 Year	7/2026
Recreation Board • Joe Meerman	1 Year	7/2026
Recreation Board • Jillian Poelma	1 Year	7/2026
Zoning Board of Appeals • Daniel Bowman	1 Year	7/2026