

July 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Cuyuna City Council was held at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Present were Mayor Brix and council members Stockard, and Eisen. Council member Zontelli was absent. Mayor Brix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion by Stockard to approve the minutes for the June 5, 2014 meeting. Second by Eisen. Motion carried with Mayor Brix also voting in favor.**

**Motion by Stockard to approve payment of the invoices and the forthcoming regular monthly invoices. Second by Eisen. Motion carried with Mayor Brix also voting in favor.**

**Fire Chief Report:**

- Reported 2 response calls for the month. ATV accident on Rabbit Trails and a car accident in Perry Lake Township.
- Fire Chief Dirkes noted the Cuyuna Fireman's Relief Association donated \$20,000 from its charitable gambling fund to the city fire equipment fund. Additionally, the department would like \$500 of the donation to be presented to the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Council expressed appreciation for the donations.
- **Motion by Stockard to donate the \$500 from the charitable donation to the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Second by Eisen. Motion carried with Mayor Brix also voting in favor.**

**Water and Sewer Report:**

- Mayor noted no actionable items.
- Final sewer line cleaning and televising should be completed July 7.
- North Street water main repair and hydrant installation is complete. Subcontractor will let the dirt settle and then seed grass.
- Received complaint of dirty water from a resident. Mayor recommended the lines be flushed.

**Building Construction Activities:**

- No report.

**Police Chief Report:**

- Police Chief Leonard reported the Wood Tick Day Races were uneventful. Inclement weather may have contributed to lower attendance than last year.
- Council received the monthly police report. No actionable items.
- Mayor discussed with the police department a dog running loose at night. He asked that Animal Control be contacted.

**Engineer Report:**

- No action required.

### **Attorney Report:**

- City Attorney Michael Bender sent follow up letters to property owners in violation of the nuisance ordinance. He will proceed with legal action as necessary to resolve the violations.
- Completed Rural Development documents as part of the City's grant application.

### **Website Report:**

- No Report.

### **Blandin/Cuyuna Lakes Chamber:**

- No Report

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Council reviewed notes from City Engineer Tim Houle regarding the Rural Development application for the city's sanitary sewer project. Clerk is providing the engineer and Rural Development the necessary information and completing forms. As the application proceeds through Rural Development, the council may need to call a special meeting to complete the application process.
- Mayor Brix discussed the site location for the pump track pavilion. Council in agreement to the location. Further discussed placement of children playground equipment for families in proximity to the pavilion. Council discussed the costs for the pavilion kit, tables, site preparation, and concrete slab. Expenditure for the kit is \$20,000 and about \$8,000 for site prep and slab. Pavilion will be 20'x36'.
- **Motion by Stockard to order the kit and proceed with the site preparation work and concrete slab installation. Second by Eisen. Motion carried with Mayor Brix also voting in favor.**
- Council member Stockard shared that a licensed volunteer will run the electrical line for the sign lighting. City will only need to pay for the electrical wire.
- Council member Stockard also expressed the city should develop a maintenance plan and budget the expenses each year to keep the track in good shape. The pump track is a significant investment and needs to be taken care of. The city should consider hiring someone seasonally to maintain the area; 20 hours or so a month during the summer. The council will discuss at its August meeting along with quality signage for this premier pump track.
- Mayor Brix will also provide more information and costs for a playground to be placed near the pump track. The city has received some donations for the playground.
- Council received the water tower inspection report. Council will consider the recommendations at the preliminary budget meeting in September. The tower was last painted 20 years ago and estimated painting and repair recommendations are about \$35,000.
- Council received an information packet from the clerk regarding the retro-reflectivity sign policy. The deadline of 2015 has been removed as a mandated requirement and there is no penalty for non-compliance. The League of Minnesota Cities does recommend adopting a policy to protect the city from liability claims that might arise. Recommended the city review its total sign placements, remove non-essential signs, determine the sign inventory, and then establish a policy to replace. Council will take under advisement.
- The dust control coating application will be placed on the city gravel roads the week of July 7.

- Clerk reported he applied for an extension to complete the pump track project and receive the DNR grant funds. The city was granted the extension and now has until August 2015 to complete the pump track project.
- Clerk reported the city campground project would be eligible to apply for DNR grant funding.

**New Business:**

- The 2014 election year filing dates are 7/29-8/12. There are two 4 year council positions up for election and a 2 year mayor position.

**Informational:**

- 3 delinquent water accounts. Shutoff notices have been sent.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion by Stockard to adjourn. Second by Eisen. Motion carried with Mayor Brix also voting in favor.**

William F Bedard  
Clerk

Lloyd Brix  
Mayor

Approved