

April 3, 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 Zontelli, Stockard, and Eisen. Mayor Brix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Zontelli to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2014 meeting. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stockard to approve payment of the invoices and the forthcoming regular monthly invoices. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Report:

- Chief Lou Dirkes presented the monthly CFD report. No council action required.
- There were four first responder calls in Cuyuna during the month. Seven overall. There were no fire calls.
- The Cuyuna Fire Department has been approached to provide fire protection services for the Dean Lake area in Unorganized Territory. Chief Dirkes will review the request and discuss with the council at a future meeting.
- Requested a food license for their booth at the Woodtick Race Day event. Council verbally approved.
- Informed the council that the department has set up a committee to explore options to obtain a newer fire truck. He noted the current truck does not meet all the required firefighting equipment standards.

Water and Sewer Report:

- No current report for the SLSSD.
- Council discussed the status of the east North Street water line. Several attempts were made to unthaw using commercial welders to run current through the line. It is more than likely the line is plugged by something other than ice. Replacement of the line with 4" PVC would cost about \$4,200, a hydrant would cost about \$3,000, and labor for the project would be between \$4,500 and \$6,000. Fire Chief Dirkes recommended extending the line further. Councilmembers Stockard and Zontelli noted the City could always extend the line. City Engineer Tim Houle also noted if the City went to a 6" diameter line, it would need a Minnesota Department of Health permit. Councilmember Zontelli and the contractor believe 4" line would be sufficient for any future residential needs along North Street. Engineer Tim Houle also noted that if the City extended the line it would require the same permit.
- **Motion by Stockard to proceed with replacing the east run of the North Street water line with 4" PVC, a tracer wire, and a hydrant. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Clerk will send a notice to all water users asking them to stop running the additional water at the end of April.

Building Construction Activities:

- Cuyuna Building Inspector LouAnn Maschler was present for two construction requests. Brad Holmwig, owner of the Woodtick Inn requested a permit to build a 36'x45' pavilion at his business for his customers to sit outside. Councilmember Eisen asked how he could prevent customers carrying

liquor off the property. Mr. Holmvgig stated he was not sure, but open to recommendations. Other liquor establishments in the area have outside seating areas and it appears to work well.

Police Chief Report:

- Council received the monthly police department activity report from Chief Leonard. The department received a report of a vehicle leaving the scene after hitting a school bus. The department has been requested to provide additional patrol time on North Street; responding to reports of increased car traffic at higher speeds since the recent opening of a business place on Minnesota Ave.
- Chief Leonard and Mayor Brix discussed the ongoing efforts of a group of area citizens to consider creation of a police district. An open public meeting is to be held at the Heartwood Senior Living Community on March 25 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is informational for the public and all cities' councilmembers are invited to attend. Clerk will publish the notice in the paper.

Engineer Report:

- Tim Houle, WSN Engineer, was present for updates in the Unfinished Business portion of the agenda.

Attorney Report:

- Reported Habitat for Humanity will be sending the deed for the donated property to the City. He will record the deed. City will need to determine how the lots can be used. If selling the lots, he would recommend placing a requirement that the lots be built upon within one year.
- Reviewed a request initiated by a realty company regarding placement of a recreational vehicle for living quarters on property classified as R1. The city attorney noted this is not permissible in a residentially zoned area. Clerk will notify the interested party.

Website Report:

- 1236 page visits from 332 individual IEP addresses.

Blandin/Cuyuna Chamber:

- No new activities reported by council member Bedard.

Unfinished Business:

- Tim Houle, WSN engineer, reported that the City's wastewater project is on the Wastewater Infrastructure Funding (WIF) list for bonding projects. This funding source is available every two years. Also, IRRRB would like to see additional entities partnering to help fund the project. It is recommended that council members contact the City's state representatives and also IRRRB board members. Clerk provided names, addresses, and emails to the council.
- Aaron Hautula, Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew (CLMTBC) president, was present to discuss the benefits and values for the City in partnering with the Crew to market and maintain the Cuyuna Pump Track vision within the mountain bike trail system. The CLMTBC website has over 62,000 unique visitors per year, hosts 10 mountain bike events, and Cuyuna is central to the master plan developing the bike trail system as an economic benefit to the area. Discussing the marketing, he noted Cuyuna's logo would be visible on their website and in the marketing media of area bike events. The City has also received at no charge a campground design plan valued at \$7,000. It also will receive about 15 hours per week for 20 to 25 weeks from mountain bike crew volunteers to maintain the pump track. Further, the mountain bike crew has been very active working with the county to develop a trail from

- Cuyuna to the Yawkey, applying for additional grants and funding such as the Safe Routes to School and the Bell Helmet Foundation, and contributed man hours to last year's pump track construction.
- Noting the economic benefits for our area that could be seen with partnering with the CLMTBC, **council member Bedard motioned that the City support the efforts of the CLMTBC with a 2 year commitment at \$3,500/year. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

- Sheriff Dahl was present to update the Council on area law enforcement focuses. He noted a large increase in hand gun permits. In 2011 the department handled around 300 permits, but last year it had increased to over 1,200 permits. He noted each squad car now has GPS. He does not believe legalizing marijuana is in the best interest of the public. The marijuana today is far more potent than the kind 10 years ago that is often referenced when groups promote legalizing. Further, there is no way to test for overconsumption as there is for alcohol. He noted heroin use is rising in Crow Wing and is cheaper than methamphetamines. The department will be focusing on St. Patrick's Day with extra vehicles out to discourage not only drinking and driving, but also texting while driving. He sees accidents caused by texting while driving significantly increasing in our area. Stated the 800 MHz is working very well and reception is improved for the users.
- Jessica Holmwig was present from the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce. She shared that the chamber gets over 1,000 website visits a month and over 75% of those each month are new visitors. She asked the council to consider placing an advertisement in their Cuyuna Lakes Visitor Guide to promote the pump track, Cuyuna, and our larger Cuyuna area. The Visitor Guide is put out every two years. Goal is to complete the ads for the guide in March and go to print in April.
- **Motion by Bedard to purchase 2 face to face pages at \$1,000/page to place in the Cuyuna Lakes Visitor Guide. Requesting that the location in the guide follow the 2-page bike trail advertisement. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Jessica Holmwig will review development and placement of the ad with council member Zontelli.
- Council discussed quotes for fencing around the pump track. Fire chief Dirkes noted it would be good to get fencing up to keep snow mobiles and ATVs off the track.
- Council member Adam Bedard submitted a letter of resignation to the council as he will be moving out of the area for employment. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community on the council. Also, he was looking forward to good things to come from Cuyuna. Council accepted the resignation with regrets. The council will decide at its April meeting how to proceed filling the vacancy.

Informational:

6 delinquent water accounts.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Stockard to adjourn. Second by Bedard. Motion carried unanimously.**

William F. Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor