

August 3, 2016

The continued meeting of the Cuyuna City Council July 7 meeting was held at 6:00 pm in the Cuyuna Fire Department Hall. Present were Mayor Brix and council members Z. Brix, Stockard, and Eisen. Councilmember Zontelli was absent.

Council met with the CFD members and discussed fire department operations, training, and equipment needs.

Fire Chief Dirkes updated the council on the department's research for a new pumper truck. Cost would be between \$240,000 and \$260,000. Department has \$200,000 in their equipment fund. The department asked if the council could review options such as a loan to pay for the balance of the truck expense. Officer Jason Jones stated the department would like to keep \$20,000 in reserve in the equipment fund and would reimburse the city for the loan over a 2-3 year period from the Relief Associations' Charitable Gambling proceeds. Clerk Bedard shared information on 3 buying groups the department could work with to leverage the best purchase cost for the truck.

The department also discussed additional landscaping needed to drain water away from the fire hall. Council member Stockard thought gutters would also be a benefit.

Chief Dirkes shared information for consideration regarding the city's yearly contribution to department members' pensions. Currently the city yearly contribution to the lump sum pension benefit is \$1,100 per member. Members receive that amount times the years of service when they retire. Members of the department receive no additional pay or benefits. The department members would like to see the yearly pension amount increased.

The department is reviewing requests from Perry Lake Township and Unorganized Township to provide their fire coverage.

No action was taken on the meeting discussion points.

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

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor.