

July 7, 2016

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

**Motion by Stockard to approve the minutes of the June 2 public hearings and the June 2 regular council meeting. Second by Zontelli. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Fire Chief Report:**

- Fire Chief Dirkes reported department members participated in the Crosby 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; pulling the old firefighting cart.
- Invited council to continue the meeting to attend the fire meeting at 6 pm August 3 at the fire hall. Meet fire members, tour hall and equipment, and discuss fire truck options.
- Requested city check with MP on a submitted rebate.

**Water and Sewer Report:**

- No issues reported for the SLSSD or the city infrastructure.
- State report for city water is positive with no reportable items.

**Building Construction Activities:**

- No new activity

**Police Chief Report:**

- Assistant Police Chief Pickar presented the written monthly report. No action required from the council. Department was out helping after the recent storm event. Councilmember Eisen requested the speed sign be put out to help control speed on CSAH 31 coming into town. Councilmember Zontelli shared cars are travelling too fast also on Agate Shores Road. The department will monitor that area.

**Engineer Report:**

- Tim Houle, WSN Engineering, was present to report on the sanitary sewer project later in the meeting as an agenda item.

**Attorney Report:**

- City attorney presented the document for the denial for the gravel pit. City signed and mailed.
- Reported the state passed a law that allows for temporary family health care dwellings less than 300 square feet to be erected on property and supersedes local entities' ordinances. The City can opt out of this state-wide ordinance. Councilmember Zontelli asked if these structures need to meet the Universal Building Code requirements the City adopted or would be required to hook up to city provided sewer and water. Attorney Bender did not believe so. Council will address at its August meeting.

### Website Report:

- No report

### Cuyuna Lakes Chamber:

- Chamber active in upcoming events: Because of Brandon, Powerboat Races, Music in the Park.

### Unfinished Business:

- Tim Houle stated Rural Development requested a new Engineering Agreement.
- **Motion by Eisen to approve the 10/2/2014 original Engineering Agreement. \$183,200. Second by Z. Brix. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Houle will request City approval at the August meeting to submit the revised plan with the liner option included for some of the construction.
- Steve Stroschein, Crow Wing County Highway Department, presented the plan for modifying the road access from CSAH#31 onto Powderhouse Road. County reviewed 2 options and received 3 bids. Project would be about \$27,000 with a proposed 50/50 cost share with the City. Council discussed the safety issue with Council member Z.Brix noting a number of cars have gone into the ditch at the approach. Fire Chief Dirkes shared the fire department cannot get up the road with the current road approach and condition. Council member Zontelli expressed he felt the county created the issue when they redid the county road. Steve Stroschein said the current angle of approach is 14% and the design would be 15%, but with the required landing area that is missing from the current approach. He also shared the County has between \$8-10,000 invested in the engineering costs and bidding process. The city would not be charged for those services. Councilmember Stockard said he would like to see an 80/20 split with the county paying the 80%. Council members Zontelli and Stockard as well as Mayor Brix said they would like to talk with Commissioner Houge to see if a better cost share could be obtained. Stroschein shared he had discussed with Commissioner Houge and a 50/50 split would be the best to obtain from the board of commissioners. He shared the project, if it was to go forward this year, would need to be finished by September 30, 2016. Local residents Chuck and Deb Leonhardt said they felt the road approach was too steep and degraded with loose gravel that makes it unsafe. They would like to see it completed this year.
- **Motion by Zontelli to continue the meeting to July 21 at 6pm at which time he can provide research information and share discussion from their talk with Commissioner Houge. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion by Z.Brix to approve the chicken ordinance and publish by summary. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Council asked the clerk to be the contact for the chicken permits.
- Council reviewed the Bee Ordinance with attorney Bender. He will make some additional modifications and bring to the August council meeting.
- Council discussed the previous meetings request for a variance to build an animal shed in the shoreland residential area. Clerk to check with the building inspector if all documents for the application are submitted.

### New Business:

- City has received camping requests for several nights in the Pumptrack Park campgrounds. Councilmember Stockard will check on camping signs. City will need a drop box for camping fees and also reservation signs to place on the camping site posts.

- Mayor Brix reported on a nuisance beaver issue on the East road coming into Cuyuna. Council stated to dig out and remove the buildup.
- Mayor shared that the existing campsites are on class V and people prefer a grass area and a flat area versus being on a slope. He noted the park area has a flat area in the SE corner and would recommend the city develop 6-7 flat and grassy sites there.
- **Motion by Stockard to develop additional camping sites on grass in the SE corner of the park. Second by Zontelli. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Fire Chief Dirkes asked the city mow the property on the south side of the fire hall. Council agreed this should be part of regular mowing of city property.
- Councilmember Z.Brix asked about road specifications for a subdivision on East Rabbit. Councilmember Zontelli shared road specifications apply to plats. The City ordinance allows a property owner to subdivide and sell one parcel of 5 acres under meets and bounds without city approval. Up to 3 parcels could be subdivided in this way over a 5 year period.
- A city resident requested information regarding ownership of the road in the plat of Cuyuna Oakwood Estates. Clerk to review history and documents and bring to the August meeting.
- Councilmember Z.Brix noted a tree is overhanging the alley by the fire hall and needs to be trimmed. Council agreed to proceed with the trimming.
- Council reviewed the new agreement with the Department of Human Services for cleaning services.
- **Motion by Stockard to approve the new agreement with the Department of Human Services for cleaning services. Second by Z.Brix. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Election filing period is 8/2/16-8/16/16.

**Continuation of the meeting:**

- **Motion by Zontelli to continue the meeting to two separate dates. July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at City Hall and August 3 at 6 pm at the Cuyuna Fire Hall. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.**

William F Bedard  
Clerk

Lloyd Brix  
Mayor.