

May 5, 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, and Stockard. Mayor Brix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Z. Brix to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 regular council. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Eisen 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 provided the department's written monthly report. Two first responder calls; one in Rabbit Lake and one in Wolford Township.
- The Cuyuna Fire Relief Association donated \$2,212 to purchase a new police protection vest and also two First Responder emergency medical kits.
- Department committee is finalizing specs for quoting a new pumper.

Water and Sewer Report:

- No open issues for the city sewer/water infrastructure.

Building Construction Activities:

- One garage permit.

Police Chief Report:

- Assistant Police Chief Pickar presented the written monthly report. Activities included several warnings for vehicle speed, fishing from the bridge on CSAH 31 which is prohibited for safety reasons, and responding to reports of people driving into the Manual Pit area; the road is closed due to poor condition. Several officers attend training provided free by the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA). No action required from the council.

Engineer Report:

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

Attorney Report:

- City attorney recorded the subdivision resolution.
- Drafted the letter as directed by the Fire Chief to send to fire department members not in compliance with meeting and training requirements.
- Advised the council the application request for a gravel pit was not complete and would need to include the full legal description. Contractor is requesting a special use permit to crush gravel up to 10 days on property adjacent to his current gravel site. Council would need to continue the meeting at a later date in order to receive a corrected application.

Website Report:

- No report

Cuyuna Lakes Chamber:

- The Red Raven Coffee Shop and Deli at the intersection of Hwy 6 and 210 in Crosby should be open this summer.
- The Cuyuna Brewery, a new local tap house brewery business, should be open toward fall.

Unfinished Business:

- Tim Houle updated the council on the sanitary sewer project. With changes to include some in-line replacements, Rural Development requested additional information for the preliminary planned design. WSN Engineering is working to complete that requirement by late summer. The State currently only has two engineers to review the multiple pending projects' designs. Council will decide if they should bid the project in the fall or early spring 2017.
- Fire Chief Dirkes reported that an inspection has been completed on the rental property for which the city received a complaint. He noted the property owner will be given a set time to fix the issues identified. A copy of the report has been provided to the property owner and tax payer as well as the city attorney.

New Business:

- Council discussed the April request to amend the city ordinance to allow for chickens to be raised in the city as well as allowing for honey bee cultivation. Council reviewed similar ordinances from Brainerd. Council can limit the number of chickens and also not allow roosters.
- **Motion by Stockard to hold a public hearing on June 2 at 6:00pm to gather input on whether to amend the city ordinance to allow for chickens and bee cultivation. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.** Attorney will publish the notice for the city.
- Council discussed the need to replace some fire hydrants.
- **Motion by Stockard to accept the quote of \$10,800 from Holmwig Excavating to purchase and replace the hydrants. Second by Z. Brix Motion carried unanimously.**
- Council discussed improvements to North Street and Iron Hub Road. The city had budgeted for the repairs in 2016. Council agreed to proceed with the improvements per the budget. Complete the work prior to the dust control spray application for the gravel roads in the city.
- Mayor informed the council the campground is ready to open. Council set the opening for the Memorial Weekend. Rocks will be used for fire rings at the campsites. Also, the requested repair to the fence is near completion.
- Clerk to contact the county on a parcel of tax forfeited property in the city which has not been mowed. Request the county to mow.
- Brian Harvey and Sarah Stangl were present to request a variance to build a pig shed on their property in the shore land area. They wish to raise a few pigs, along with chickens, but there is not a good location to put up a small shed without a setback variance. Council asked the city attorney to research the request as the property is in the shoreland zoned area.
- Council asked the clerk to contact the building/zoning inspector regarding property for which a permit was provided, but the work not completed.

- Clerk reported Perry Lake Township requested the City provide fire protection coverage. Council will ask for the actual numbers of call outs for the past three years and then review with the Cuyuna Fire Chief.
- Council agreed to purchase eight tickets and attend the “4CUYUNA” event raising donations for the expansion of the mountain bike trails and a connection path from the Cuyuna Pump Track to the mountain bike trail system.
- 3 delinquent water/sewer accounts. Shut off notifications to be sent out.
- Reminder 2016 is an election year. Cuyuna will have the mayor position and two council positions on the ballot.
- Council reviewed the County request to release a tax forfeited lot for sale. No action taken.

Continuation of the meeting:

- **Motion by Eisen to continue the meeting to May 9 at 7:00 pm. Second by Z. Brix. Motion carried unanimously.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor.

Approved