

March 3, 2016

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

**Motion by Z. Brix to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 regular council. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Zontelli voting in favor.**

**Motion by Z. Brix to approve payment of the invoices and the forthcoming regular monthly invoices. Second by M. Eisen. Motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Zontelli voting in favor.**

**Fire Chief Report:**

- Fire Chief Dirkes provided the department's written monthly report. One first responder call in Rabbit Lake Township and one fire call in the City.
- Monthly training will be a live fire burn along CSAH 30.
- The department is exploring the purchase of a new fire truck. The approximate cost is \$300,000 and a committee is working on the specifications and funding. Should have further information for the April council meeting. The department last purchased a pump truck in 1993.

**Water and Sewer Report:**

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

**Building Construction Activities:**

- No report.

**Police Chief Report:**

- Police Chief Smith presented the written monthly report. Activities included responding to a medical call, property check, assistance with an assault arrest, speeding, vehicle violations, theft of mail from a mailbox, and complaints of debris on the county road. No action required from the council.
- The City received a note thanking the police department for checking with a family after the loss of a family member.

**Engineer Report:**

- Tim Houle, WSN Engineering, was present and offered to assist with the spring road review.

**Attorney Report:**

- City attorney met with council member Zontelli and will prepare a draft resolution for an ordinance to monitor subdivisions.
- Completed the Right-of-Way (ROW) document for Rural Development for the sanitary sewer project.

**Website Report:**

- No report

### **Cuyuna Lakes Chamber:**

- Chamber is working on a number of events for the summer and welcomes volunteers for the events' committees.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Tim Houle updated the council on the sanitary sewer project. With the additional plan changes to include some in-line replacements, the funding agencies 'review processes are taking additional time. Construction will move out until fall of 2016 or spring of 2017.
- The City of Cuyuna is also still on the water funding list and in a good position to obtain funding of loans/grants should it wish to proceed with a water system upgrade project. The sanitary sewer project received 82% grant funding. A water system project would be more loan than grant.
- The county is working on plans for improving the Powderhouse Road approach on CSAH 31. Should be some further information at the April or May meeting.

### **New Business:**

- Richard Harrison was present and presented documents for his request to subdivide a parcel of property. Council reviewed the documents and ordinance. The subdivided parcels would meet all the City ordinances.
- **Motion by Z. Brix to approve the subdivision for Mr. Harrison. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Zontelli voting in favor.**
- A resident inquired if chickens could be raised in the city proper. Council shared it denied a similar request and a requested change to the ordinance last year after a public hearing. No further action required.
- Bruce Swanson of the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew was present to thank the City for its donation for the trail extension into Cuyuna. The donation was matched by the Hallett Foundation. The Crew is working with entities to obtain the property easements and expects to construct this year the trail connecting the Cuyuna Pump Track to the main trails. The crew will be working on the pump track as the ground dries up and they also plan to coordinate a grand opening for the pump track.

### **Adjournment:**

- **Motion by Z. Brix to adjourn. Second by Z. Brix. Motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Zontelli voting in favor.**

William F Bedard  
Clerk

David Zontelli  
Acting Mayor.