

April 5, 2018

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 Eisen to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018 regular council meeting. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Fire Chief Report:

- Fire Chief Karl Hasskamp presented the monthly report. The department responded to a fire call in Rabbit Lake Township and a mutual aid response. There were 4 First Responder calls: 21 in Cuyuna, one in Rabbit Lake, and 2 in Wolford Townships. Long time fire department member Brad Holmvg is retiring. The department will hold its annual retirement dinner on April 14. The mayor and council are invited.

Water and Sewer Report:

- No issues reported for the city or the SLSSD sewer infrastructure.

Building Construction Activities:

- 3 applications in process.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Jesse Smith presented the monthly report to the Council. No council action required. The department will have a MN POST board audit in April.
- Assistant Chief Pat Pickar explained a new program which will help Emergency Responders, Police and Fire personnel when responding to situations involving individuals with mental health issues. The program includes training how to recognize such a situation and how to deescalate. The program also involves technology with a phone app called "Vitals" which will help law enforcement identify the type of mental health disability the person has if the person has registered for the program. Cuyuna is one of 6 county cities implementing the program which has County support.
- The department will receive from another agency a .223 rifle for better protection should an active shooter situation every occur.

Engineer Report:

- Tim Houle of WSN&A was present. They can assist with the spring road conditions review and offer ADA compliance services.
- Discussed repairs to the well house line and general costs for adding a second well and repairing the existing lines. The city is on the state Project Priority List(PPL) for constructing two new wells, a new well house, new storage such as a water tower, replacing the watermains, and new water meters. Should the council decide to move forward with an application to construct the water infrastructure, the process including if sufficient funding is available, could take a couple of years.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Bender noted the council in 2016 opted out of the legislative law allowing the placement of “Granny Pods”. Mr. Bender said the council should publish by summary that action. Councilmember Zontelli asked why not allow the structures. Discussed that Granny Pods would not be required to meet city ordinances.
Motion by Stockard to publish by summary the “Granny Pod” Ordinance opting out of the state law allowing them. Second by Eisen. Motion carried with Zontelli voting no.

Unfinished Business:

- Council approved sending letters to residents with lateral sanitary lines that need to be fixed and/or with sump pumps flowing water into the city main line. Letter will advise a meeting will be held on Thursday April 26, 2018 at 6 PM in city hall to discuss the repairs required. The city engineer will be present also to answer questions. Repairs and removal of sump pumps are to be completed by the end of October 2018.
- The city received a draft legal description and survey for the road in Richard Harrison’s East Rabbit Lake development. Mr. Harrison noted he would prefer the road to be named Kennedy Drive as the development is in the old Kennedy Mine area.
- **Motion by Zontelli to accept the road and the name Kennedy Drive on condition there are no issues in the final recording with the county. Second by Z. Brix. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Weather permitting, campground and facility repairs will be started in April. Water sealing, paint, ventilation, air fresheners, and a possible new shower door are some of the items to complete. The tilling and seeding of the tent campground area will be completed. The concrete crack in the pavilion floor will be looked at for repair options. There are already several reservations for the RV sites for June and July. Council discussed cancellation fees of sites, settling on allowing cancellation 2 weeks prior to the first reservation date. A \$10 cancellation fee would apply. Also, the city will look at additional play ground equipment having received a \$5000 donation from the Cuyuna Fire Relief Association for that purpose.
- Council discussed purchasing a lawn mower and utilizing city staff to mow versus hiring out the mowing to a subcontractor. The city paid approximately \$1700 per year for that service in 2016 and 2017.
- Councilmember Zontelli will obtain quotes for a 20’x20’ storage building for the campground park. Quoting metal vs. concrete and both with and without a slab. This storage building would allow an additional bath/shower room in the existing building.
- Council discussed the request by the DNR to allow campers at their site in Iron-ton to use the Cuyuna dump station and water supply. Citing the difficulty to manage the use of the dump station for campers who are not staying at the Cuyuna campground, the council declined to approve this request.
- **Motion by Zontelli to advise the DNR it will not allow use of the dump station and water supply for campers not staying at the Cuyuna campground. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Council discussed allowing RVs on properties as living quarters; placing on slabs and hooking up to an approved septic system. RVs do not meet the Universal Building Code(UBC) for living

quarters. Councilmember Zontelli shared realtors are advertising people can buy a lot/property in Cuyuna and park their motorhomes there and live in it.

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New Business:

- Received a building application from David Honl. Building site is in the Harrison East Bowl development waiting for the legal description and recording with the county of the road the city will accept.
- Clerk will publish notices of the license requirements for raising bees and chickens and owning cats and dogs in Cuyuna.
- Heard the county will now allow ATVs to ride on shoulders of county roads with certain restrictions applying.
- Clerk received a call the alley behind Kruse Street was impassable for an ambulance. Investigated the area and while the alley is muddy due to the frost coming up, it is passable and hospital personnel noted the alley could be serviced by an ambulance.

Motion by Z. Brix to continue the meeting to April 26, 2018 at 6 pm in city hall for the private sanitary line repair meeting. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor

Approved