

June 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Cuyuna City Council was held at 6:00 pm at the Cuyuna Fire Hall. Present were Mayor Brix and Council members Haag, Smith, Stockard, and Workman. Also present were Cuyuna Fire Chief Hasskamp, Cuyuna Police Chief Smith, and Clerk-Treasurer Bedard. City Attorney Tom Pearson attended remotely.

Mayor Brix led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Haag to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2024 council meeting and public hearing. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Workman to approve payment of the invoices and forthcoming regular monthly invoices. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Report:

- The council received the monthly fire department report presented by Chief Hasskamp.
- There were no fires or first responder call outs for the month of May.
- June training- auto extrication.

Water and Sewer Report:

- No reports of water or sewer issues for the city lines.

Planning and Zoning Activity Report:

- The city received the monthly planning and zoning activity report. No action required from the council.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Jesse Smith provided the council with the May activity report. There were 48 traffic stop warnings, including 33 for speed, and 3 citations issued during the month. Also, an arrest was made for a suspected 4th Degree DWI charges on County Road 31.
- Officers conducted extra patrols on Cotton Tail Drive, Cuyuna City Park, East Lane, Getaway Circle, Powder House Road, Agate Shores Road, Oak Lane, and Maple Shores Road.
- Among the monthly activities, CPD assisted an individual who walked out of a business on Minnesota Avenue, fell off the curb, and received a head injury. The individual refused an ambulance. Received a report of a vehicle leaving a business on Minnesota Avenue with open alcoholic beverages inside the vehicle. The vehicle was unloading passengers and blocking traffic on Minnesota Avenue. CPD stopped the vehicle for driving conduct. The driver admitted the passengers dropped off at the business had open alcoholic containers inside the vehicle, but the driver didn't notice until they were exiting the vehicle. Received a report of a juvenile being harassed on the internet. The incident happened outside the City of Cuyuna, and the person was advised of the appropriate agency to contact.
- An officer assisted a motorist who broke down on County Road 31. Officer acted on a report of theft of rocks and a fuel tank from property on County Road 31. CPD was able to locate the suspects who stole the rocks because the owner had it on video. The fuel tank theft is still under

investigation. CPD conducted background research on 2 peddler licenses for the upcoming Woodtick Races and assisted with an escort for the C-I Ranger Track Team for state along with other area law enforcement and fire departments. CPD assisted CWCSO at Highway 6 and County Road 30 with an individual that walked away from a group home and ran into the woods. Officer responded to a report of 2 stray cats on Foley Street and removed a deceased cat in a yard on Oak Lane. Received a report that a vehicle did damage to the grass in the Cuyuna Campground. Crow Wing County Sheriff Office and City of Cuyuna officials investigated. City of Cuyuna will manage the situation.

- Officers Assisted Crosby PD with a disturbance on 3rd Avenue NE in Crosby, assisted Deerwood PD with a missing juvenile around Serpent Road, and assisted Crow Wing County Sheriff Office with a burglary in progress at a residence on Silkstone Road.
- The Police Department reported the Woodtick Races had no issues and it was a good day for the event..
- Service awards were presented to Pete Kvale for 5 years of service and to Steve Kovacic for 11 years of service.
- Chief Smith reported the base radio at the station failed. He is reviewing if the unit can be fixed or needs to be replaced. He shared there is a grant opportunity with Sourcewell after July 1, and he will apply for funding for the base radio. Cost is \$6,232. He will also apply for two portable radios that meet the new encryption requirements for the radios. Cost is \$17,200.

Engineering Report:

- No items for the council.

Campground Report-:

- Council was informed the city campground continues to experience a high level of reservations for the RV sites and an increase in the basic tent sites.

Public Comments:

- None

Public Hearing: RE: Ordinance Amendment 04-2024 to rename city street, East Lane, in the Plat of West Bowl, to Snowshoe Lane pursuant to Minnesota Statute §440.11.

Applicant: Petition to City of Cuyuna.

- **Motion by Workman to open the public meeting at 6:20 pm. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk-Treasurer Bedard explained the purpose of the public hearing and the proposed ordinance. No public comments were received verbally or in writing for the meeting.

- **Motion by Haag to close the public meeting at 6:30 pm. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

- Council discussed the proposed Ordinance Amendment 04-2024 to rename city street, East Lane, in the Plat of West Bowl, to Snowshoe Lane pursuant to Minnesota Statute §440.11.
- **Motion by Smith to approve Ordinance Amendment 04-2024 and publish. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously.**
- The council discussed the cul-de-sacs at the end of Fox Run and Oak Lane which are in the Agate Lakes Estates Second Addition. The city attorney previously sent a letter to the individual property owners on the subject and recommended the city wait a month for a response.

Council requested the clerk-treasurer and city attorney follow up with the individuals prior to the next council meeting, inquiring if they would be willing to convey the cul-de-sacs to the city.

- Council discussed the painting of the curbs and crosswalks.
- **Motion by Stockard to approve the curb painting quote in the amount of \$2,000 from Sir Lines-A-Lot to be painted a length of 20 feet on North-South curbs, and a length of 20 feet on East-West curbs at the intersections of CSAH #31 and Foley, Kruse, and Main. Additionally, request the county paint two additional crosswalks across CSAH#31; at Kruse Street and one at Main Street. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously.**
- The nomination for the city hall to be placed on the National Historical Registry was approved by the Minnesota State Review Board and will now be forwarded to the national level for consideration. The city hall has been used for public purposes for over 47 years. The nomination approval can potentially provide funding to repair and restore the building.
- The lead and copper line inventory survey are still in process. A third letter will be sent out and the city will conduct home visits with the water operator to obtain the information from individuals who have not responded to the survey.

New Business:

- The mayor and city clerk-treasurer met with Minnesota Power to discuss the peak electrical rates the city incurs for power usage. Council discussed options to lower the peak electrical rate for specific city facilities. One option is to replace the electric baseboard heaters at the police station with a mini split heat pump.
- **Motion by Stockard to get 2-3 quotes for the mini split heat pumps. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously.**
- The clerk-treasurer will be meeting with the Minnesota Department of Health for an inspection of the city well house and will also inquire if insulating the interior and/or the exterior is acceptable as well as heating with propane.
- Clerk-Treasurer Bedard shared the County will now pay the electrical usage for the streetlights on CSAH#31 in Cuyuna. This will save the city about \$1,000 each year.
- The city received several compliments on the improvements to the campground bathroom and shower facility as well as the addition of the light on the pavilion which shines on the playground equipment at night.
- Council discussed the delinquent water and sewer accounts.
- **Motion by Stockard to send a letter to each delinquent account to bring current within 10 days. If the account is not paid, then send a letter that service will be shut off if not paid within 10 days. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Clerk-Treasurer to review with the city attorney.

Informational:

- May website: 1059 unique visitors, 2019 pageviews.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Haag to adjourn. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously. 6:55 PM.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor