

April 14, 2025

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 Smith, Stockard, and Workman. Council member Haag was absent. Also present were City Engineer Tim Houle, Cuyuna Fire Chief Hasskamp, Cuyuna Police Chief Smith, City Zoning Administrator Justin Burslie, and Clerk-Treasurer Bedard. City Attorney Tom Pearson attended remotely. Mayor Brix led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Workman to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2025 public hearing and council meeting. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Fire Chief Report:

- Council reviewed the monthly fire department report. There were 6 first responder callouts for March; 5 in Rabbit Lake Township and 1 in Wolfard Township. One fire alarm call out for Rabbit Lake Township.
- April training will be Air Management/Obstacle course tools.

Water and Sewer Report:

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

Planning and Zoning Activity Report:

- No permits were issued in March, but several inquiries were received.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the March activity report. There were 12 traffic warnings.
- Officers conducted extra patrols on Cotton Tail Drive, Snowshoe Lane, Getaway Circle, Powder House Road, Agate Shores Road, Fox Run Lane, Oak Lane, Maple Shores Road, Iron Hub Road, and Kennedy Drive.
- The department assisted the Deerwood and Crosby Police Departments with several disturbances. The department also assisted the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office with an individual causing a disturbance on Woodland Road.
- The department responded to a suspicious vehicle parked at the Cuyuna Connector Bike Trail Head. The occupants were homeless and living in the vehicle. The officer provided information for shelter and assistance.
- Among additional monthly activities, the department responded to a suicidal person with a gun, conducted a civil standby while an individual with an Order For Protection got their property out of the house, checked on suspicious activity on Iron Hub Road, contacted an RV owner regarding a nuisance complaint, and responded to a disturbance complaint.

- Additional law enforcement activities included the CWCSO responding to a suicidal person, alleged sexual assault at a business, serving an Order For Protection, responding to a burning complaint, conducting a Predatory Offender compliance check, assisting a vehicle that left the road on County Road 31 and Snowshoe Lane, and responding to a shooting complaint on Getaway Circle.
- The department assisted area police, fire, and ambulance escorting the boy's hockey team for the MN State Tournament

Engineering Report:

- No new activity to report.

Campground Report:

- RV site reservations are increasing for the summer months. Prior to opening, the sites will be looked at for repairs to tables, fire pits, and grounds. Mayor Brix reported the campground pads are in good shape. The campground opens May 9, 2025.

Public Comments:

- No comments were received.

Unfinished Business:

- The signed documents for the cul-de-sacs on Fox Run and Oak Lane have been received by the city.
- The city attorney updated the council on the outstanding zoning ordinance issues. Two are in the court process. Council member Stockard visited with the property owner regarding the non-compliance with the city's Nuisance Ordinance on Foley Street. He offered his trailer to help move identified nuisance non-compliant items off the property.

New Business:

- Council reviewed a "sketch" for a future preliminary plat identified as Stonebridge Addition to Cuyuna. Justin Burslie, City Zoning Administrator, shared the layout of the sketch meets the minimum city ordinance requirements. The property owner wishes to build several homes in the proposed addition with potential for further development in the future. Council member Stockard asked and received feedback on the size of the homes. The City attorney received clarification on the 100' width of the proposed lots. The City engineer provided several comments regarding road, street, and utility development. The property owner will review comments and work with the City Zoning Administrator following the process of presenting an official preliminary plat.
- The council reviewed the League of Minnesota Cities' recommended resolution supporting retention of city zoning authority and opposing state legislative proposals broadly limiting local zoning and land use decisions related to residential development.
- **Motion by Workman to approve a resolution supporting retention of city zoning authority and opposing state legislative proposals broadly limiting local zoning and land use decisions related to residential development. Second by Smith. Motioned carried unanimously.**

- The Council discussed needs for an equipment storage building. Approximate size would be 40'x40'. Full costs for such a structure would need to be obtained. Council member Stockard would like to see an alternative option of adding space to the south side of the fire hall. Chief Hasskamp agreed it could be an option, but it would limit parking for the department members and eliminate the open area there now for training events. More information will be gathered for reviews.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Workman to adjourn. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. 6:44PM.**

William F Bedard
Clerk.

Lloyd Brix
Mayor

Approved