

August 11, 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 Haag, Smith, Stockard, and Workman. Also present were Cuyuna Police Chief Smith, Fire Department Chief Karl Hasskamp, City Engineer Tim Houle, and Clerk-Treasurer Bedard. Mayor Brix led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Workman to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2025 council meeting. 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:

- Council reviewed the monthly fire department report. There was one first responder callout for Wolford Township.
- August training will be on pumping speed drills/nozzles, and fire streams through F.I.R.E.
- The fire trucks passed their pump tests.
- Chief Hasskamp shared he is applying for a matching fund grant for the department and evaluating placing a storage container near the alley for pull tab storage as space is running out at the hall. This would be a temporary solution as a storage building is still needed.
- Night to Unite is August 15 at Crosby Park from 5-7pm.

Water and Sewer Report:

- No reported water or sewer issues for the city lines.

Planning and Zoning Activity Report:

- Several inquiries for zoning, subdivision, and future building.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the July activity report. There were 28 traffic warnings, of which 19 were for excess speed, and one citation for speed.
- 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.
- Among the monthly activities, officers received two separate reports of construction material on County Road 31, responded to a medical call on Agate Shores Road, conducted welfare check back-to-back on County Road 31, responded to a property dispute on Tripp and advised everyone it was a civil matter, responded to two separate fireworks complaints, reviewed a complaint of an Amazon package delivered to the wrong address on Kruse and now the items are missing, conducted a welfare check on Foley, assisted a lost bicyclist, and received a report of lost property at the Cuyuna Campground.
- The Cuyuna PD participated in the 4th of July parade and passed out candy.

- Cuyuna PD will be at the Night to Unite.
- CPD provided several agency assistances to Crosby PD including a fight brewing with possible weapons involved at the Portsmouth, a warrant service attempt, an active dog attack with severe injuries, possible burglary attempt, and an individual with dementia.

Engineering Report:

- City Engineer Tim Houle shared the lead line service inventory round two will be conducted over the next several months. The MN Dept of Health (MDH) will pay Widseth directly for this work at no cost to the City. There could be a round three then in the future which would likely include replacement of identified the lead service lines.

Campground Report:

- RV site reservations are full through August and filling up for September. Tent site reservations are down given the smoky weather. Campground continues to receive compliments on the grounds, quiet atmosphere, and cleanliness of the bathrooms and showers.

Public Comments:

- No comments were received.

Unfinished Business:

- No updates were provided for discussion on the existing zoning non-compliances and property in the Agate Lakes Shores Plat.
- The Foley Street homeowner for the non-compliant property was present and shared with the council he is working to clean up his property by the September meeting. He has taken one load out and is working on another load within a week. He said the council could come by and look at the improvements.
- Tim Houle, City Engineer through Widseth, discussed the proposal to apply for grants to the DEED Small Cities Development Program and IRRRB. The City can apply to the Small Cities Development Program for infrastructure funding up to \$600,000. The city cost for Widseth to prepare the applications is \$8,000. The city could apply to the Small Cities for Housing Rehabilitation which could increase grant opportunities from \$600,000 to \$1,400,000. There would be an additional engineering cost to do so. To use this program, the city would need to show housing rehabilitation is needed which could include replacing windows, siding, furnaces, and roofing. That program is competitive, and it might be easier, cleaner, and less complicated to apply only for the infrastructure for the water system. Council discussed focusing on replacing the water infrastructure system that dates to 1910.
- **Motion by Stockard to have Widseth apply to the Small Cities Development Program for infrastructure only. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

- The Woodtick Inn will be holding a Corn Feed on August 16. There will be no vendors and no need for a public street to be closed. The required insurance is provided.
- **Motion by Stockard to approve the Corn Feed for the Woodtick Inn on August 16, 2025. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously.**

- City Clerk-Treasurer Bedard shared he met with a representative of MRWA/MDH to initiate the required review of the City's Wellhead Protection Plan. It is a state requirement to do so every 10 years. The plan will be updated over the next 18 months.
- The Cuyuna Crusher Mountain Bike Series Race is August 24th. Volunteers are appreciated.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Workman to adjourn. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously. 6:45 pm.**

William F Bedard
Clerk.

Lloyd Brix
Mayor

Approved