

October 13, 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 and Workman. Council member Stockard attended remotely. Council member Haag was absent. Also present were Cuyuna Police Chief Smith, Fire Department Officer Jake Kewatt, City Engineer Tim Houle and associate Nick Peterson, City Attorney Tom Pearson and Clerk-Treasurer Bedard. Mayor Brix led the pledge of allegiance.

**Motion by Workman to approve the minutes for the September 8, 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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Fire Chief Report:**

- Council reviewed the monthly fire department report. There were two first responder callouts for the month in the City of Cuyuna and a fire call out in Rabbit Lake Township.
- October training will be on Radio Communications.
- Council heard more details about the Cuyuna Fall Festival sponsored by the Cuyuna Fire Department and the Cuyuna Police Department to be held on Sunday October 26 between 11AM and 5PM. There are currently 5 vendors registered for the event. Activities include “Touch a Truck” with emergency response vehicles from several departments attending: CRMC ambulance, area fire trucks, sheriff and local cities’ squad cars, bomb squad, remote-control robot and drone. The event includes hayrides, Halloween costume contest, candy hunt, pumpkin carving, raffles and a pie contest. Free food will be served by the Fire and Police Departments: hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, apple cider, ice cream sundaes with maple syrup and caramel apples. The event is advertised in the local papers and on face book. Council consensus this will be a great fall event.
- The relief association also donated \$1,500 to the City for the Fire Department Equipment Fund. Council expressed gratitude to the fire department and relief association for the donations.

**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. Four home permits to date.

**Police Chief Report:**

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the September activity report. There were 13 traffic warnings, of which 8 were for excess speed, 1 for no proof of insurance, and 2 for expired registration. There was an additional citation for speed.

- Officers conducted extra patrols on Cottontail Drive, Snowshoe Lane, Getaway Circle, Powder House Road, Agate Shores Road, Fox Run Lane, Oak Lane, Maple Shores Road, Iron Hub Road, Kennedy Drive, Mine Shaft Place, Foothills Drive, Maple Shores Road and Foley Street.
- Among the monthly activities, officers received reports of a yellow dump truck and a blue dump truck speeding through Cuyuna on Minnesota Avenue, trespassing complaint, and harassing communications.
- CPD provided agency assistance to the CWCSO for a suicidal person on Semler Road and a domestic disturbance on Wolford Hall Road, as well as a Crosby PD disturbance.

#### **Engineering Report:**

- No update from Rural Development on the review for the future city water project. Widseth will be helping the City with the next phase of the Lead Service Line Inventory Survey which may lead to another round for funding replacement of any lead service lines which could take place during the future water system replacement project.

#### **Campground Report:**

- The campground will close October 20 and be winterized. The final weekend RV and tent sites are reserved in full. .

#### **Public Comments:**

- No comments were received.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Council received an update on the outstanding zoning non-compliances for the bus on Cottontail Drive and the unpermitted shed. The city attorney will send a letter to the owner of the bus on Cottontail Drive. The City attorney will also follow up on any required action for the property being used as a residence in a commercial zone district. The property owner previously accepted the plea agreement conditions to resolve the matter in court.
- Council discussed the Agate Shores Road quiet title property. A representative from the Agate Lake association was present to understand the issue.
- **Motion by Stockard for the city to formally object to the vacation of the Agate Shores Road parcel requested by the quiet title action. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **New Business:**

- The council reviewed the rezoning application RZ-01-2025 from Brad Holmvig requesting the rezoning of his property PID19300600 on the East Bowl of Rabbit Lake which also includes lakeshore. He is requesting the property be rezoned from “O” Open to “R-1” Single- and Two-Family Residential District. No objections were raised during the public hearing, and no negative communications have been received by the city. The rezoning is compatible to surrounding property.
- **Motion by Workman to approve rezoning of property PID19300600 from “O” Open District to “R-1” Single- and Two-Family Residential District and updating the zoning map to reflect the change. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

- The council reviewed the Ordinance Amendment 04-2025: definition of short-term rental unit and permitted use in the “R-2” Multi-Family Residential District and the “B-1” General Business District.
- **Motion by Smith to approve the Ordinance Amendment 04-2025: definition of short-term rental unit and permitted use in the “R-2” Multi-Family Residential District and the “B-1” General Business District. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion by Smith to publish by summary RZ-01-2025 and Ordinance Amendment 04-2025. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Andrew Tubesing, property owner in Getaway Circle shared the Cuyuna website could be improved to help individuals find more easily the city ordinances and changes. He also noted there were several recent ordinance changes that are not yet listed on the website. Justin Burslie, Cuyuna Zoning Administrator, shared he is working on updating the website for the city documents which requires working with converting the older pdfs and incorporating the changes.
- Council heard from a resident asking if a silo style home is permitted in Cuyuna and if there are design regulations for its exterior finish. Justin Burslie, Zoning Administrator, stated the City only issues land use permits for structures based on its ordinances, and does not address design.
- Mayor Brix discussed the need to install a stop sign at the east end of North Street where it intersects Iron Hub Road. Kennedy Drive is very close to that intersection also and it has a stop sign. The council could also consider brushing the south side of the Iron Hub Road next spring.
- **Motion by Smith to approve the installation of a stop sign at the east end of North Street where it intersects Iron Hub Road. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Cuyuna Fireman Jake Kewatt said the department could flush the city hydrants before freeze up and give the city clerk prior notice to notify the water users in advance.
- The Cuyuna Water Tower has been inspected but no report has been received yet.
- The City Clerk-Treasurer is working with the state on its Well Head Protection Plan renewal.
- The City Clerk-Treasurer attended a meeting on updating the Crow Wing County Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

### **Adjournment:**

- **Motion by Smith to adjourn. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously. 6:40 pm.**

William F Bedard  
Clerk.

Lloyd Brix  
Mayor