

August 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Cuyuna City Council was held at 6:00 pm in the Cuyuna Fire Hall. Present were Mayor Brix and Council members Smith, Stockard and Workman. Council member Haag was absent. Also, present were Cuyuna Fire Chief Hasskamp, Cuyuna Police Chief Smith, 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 13 public hearing and the July 13, 2026, regular 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 4 First Responder Calls for the month. 1 in Cuyuna, 1 in Rabbit Lake Township, and 2 in Wolford Township.
- August training will be a pumping hose competition.

Water and Sewer Report:

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

Planning and Zoning Activity Report:

- Reviewing several land use requests. A permit was issued for a home and a septic system.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the July activity report. There were 20 various traffic stop warnings including 16 for speed, and 1 for expired registration.
- Officers conducted extra patrols on Cottontail Drive, Snowshoe Lane, Getaway Circle, Cuyuna Campground, Powder House Road, Agate Shores Road, Fox Run Lane, Oak Lane, Maple Shores Road, Iron Hub Road, Mine Shaft Place, Trail Track Lane, and Kennedy Drive.
- Among the monthly activities and calls, the department officers aided the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department locating an intoxicated driver in the area of County Road 30, a fight on Rider Road in Irondale Township, a one vehicle accident on Tower Road & Carlson Road, and a 911 hangup at the Mustard Seed on Highway 6. Officers also Assisted Crosby PD with a disturbance on 5th Street NE in Crosby.
- Officers responded to reports of a tree down blocking Agate Shores Road and contacted Holmwig Construction who removed the tree while CPD assisted with lights. Further responded to additional reports of trees down on Main Street, Cottontail Drive, and Tripp Avenue. Holmwig was contacted and removed the trees.

Officers received a report of damage to the windshield of a vehicle parked at Gopher Tackle, observed an individual in a wheelchair going down County Road 31 and asked if they needed help. The individual asked the officer if they could take his piece of mail to the post office and mail it. The officer did so. Responded to a lift assist on Kruse Street, a report of a suspicious vehicle that had been parked in the Cuyuna Campground parking lot for 4 days, monitored it for an additional 3 days while trying to notify the registered owner, then towed the vehicle.

Received a report of a suspicious person on a bike behind Gopher Tackle. The individual rode off when the officer drove in the area. Responded to a report of two juveniles walking the lake shore on Agate Lake off Agate Shores Road saying they are in a fishing tournament. Officer responded and confirmed they were in an online fishing tournament but had them leave as they were on private property. Received a report of two individuals riding motorized bicycles into the campground acting suspicious and seemed to be staking the place out. Officer responded, checked the area but were unable to locate the individuals. Officer responded to a report of a dog bite on Tripp Avenue and issued a potentially dangerous dog letter and sent information to the Crow Wing County Attorney's office. The sheriff department responded to another report of 2 suspicious bikers that came into the campground but were unable to locate the bikers. Officers completed (29) public assists helping motorists turn around safely at the bridge construction and give directions to get back to where they were traveling too.

- Chief Smith drove the Cuyuna squad car in the 4th of July parade.
- Cuyuna Officer Austin Hieronymi showed the council one of the two fully equipped 2020 Rambo All Terrain Fat Tire E-Bikes donated by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department to the City and the Cuyuna Police Department. Chief Smith noted the bikes have an estimated value of \$10,000. The bikes have medical bags and equipment which were also donated to the city. The bikes can enhance the public safety capabilities including responding to emergencies on the trail systems.
- Chief Smith requested council approval of a resolution to apply for a Sourcewell Impact Grant to assist with the purchase of the squad car, three new computers compatible with the new 365 Lab system the county, and garage door openers. Application is for \$32,600.
- **Motion by Smith to approve the application for the Sourcewell Impact Grant in the amount of \$32,600. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**

Engineering Report:

- City Engineer Tim Houle shared they continue to provide information to Rural Development in response to questions on the previously submitted Preliminary Engineering Report(PER) and the Environmental Report(ER). Additionally, the Minnesota Department of Health recently tested the city raw water, and this could make the city eligible for some funding. Mr. Houle noted it could take one to two years to obtain a funding package for the city water system improvements. Also, cities who have higher priority needs could impact funding for the city's project.

Campground Report:

- RV sites are reserved on weekends through September and into October. Grounds and facilities are well maintained.

Public Comments:

- No public comments.

Unfinished Business:

- No report for the zoning non-compliances.

New Business:

- Crow Wing County Emergency Management Director Clayton Berg provided the council with information regarding the outdoor warning system in Crow Wing County. There are 52 sirens across the county. The sirens are from various manufacturers and are in various states of disrepair. The County is offering a maintenance agreement for the City's warning siren at a cost of \$600 per year. This would include a yearly inspection, and the city would be responsible for repair costs. Mr. Berg would also assist the city in determining the best placement for its siren and a future location for a second siren within the city. In the future he hopes to obtain grants to update all the sirens and make them compatible with the National Weather Service which allows the sirens to be automatically activated in
- severe weather. New sirens cost about \$30,000 each.
- **Motion by Smith to approve the maintenance agreement with Crow Wing County for the yearly inspection of its warning siren. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously,**
- The city council reviewed the variance request for Mr. and Mrs. Magnuson.
- **Moton by Stockard to approve the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. Magnuson to construct a 51 square foot addition to the front of the existing deck and located 92 feet from the Ordinary-High Water Mark, where 100 feet is required. Also, construct a 153 square foot addition to the south-west of the existing deck and located 96 feet from the Ordinary-High Water Mark, where 100 feet is required. That said approval is based on the finding of facts and the 6 conditions for the approval. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Police Chief Smith shared plans for the 2nd Annual Cuyuna Fall Festival for Sunday October 25th from 11am to 3pm. The 2025 event was received well by the community. For this year the event would be along Main Street with vendors on one side and the touch-a-truck displays on the other side. Activities would include free hot dogs, ice cream, hot chocolate, a pie contest, a kid's costume contest, a pumpkin carving contest, prizes, a bounce house with slides, hayrides, a band, and multiple area emergency vehicles for touch-a-truck along with vendors. Council discussed this was an opportunity to give back to the community.
- **Motion by Stockard to approve up to \$5000 for the event. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**
- The council was updated on the bridge project and the clerk's meeting with the Minnesota Department of Health for the city's Wellhead Protection Plan.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Stockard to adjourn. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. 7:28 PM.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor