

July 13, 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 attended remotely. Also present were Cuyuna Fire Officer Kewatt, 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 June 8, 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.
- Fire Department Officer Jake Kewatt informed the council one of their fire trucks will be parked on the north side of the bridge while it is being rebuilt. Fire department members living north of the bridge will have their turnout gear at their homes.

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. One permit issued along Cottontail Drive for riprap along the shoreline.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the June activity report. There were 47 various traffic stop warnings including 31 for speed, 2 for expired registration, and 6 for no proof of insurance. 3 citations for no insurance, stop sign violation, and driving after revocation.
- Officers conducted extra patrols on Cotton Tail 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 responded to a residence on Main Street for an individual that was upset they received a citation for illegal burning and the individual was causing a disturbance. Officer de-escalated the situation. The department handled a harassing communications call on Foothills Drive, a report of a male using the Cuyuna Campground shower who was not a camper and advised them to stop it or they would be trespassing from the park, report of numerous cats at a residence on Foley Street and advised the owner of the Cuyuna Ordinance to be in compliance, attempted a warrant arrest on Fox Run

Lane, responded to a civil matter between a brother wanting his sister removed from the home on Main Street and explained the eviction process, Monitoring a report of suspicious activity of vehicles coming and going at a place on Minnesota Avenue, moved a deceased deer out of the roadway on County Road 31 and contacted County Highway Department to remove it, assisted the City Clerk/Treasurer who received a call from a homeless individual looking for help providing information for sources to seek help and shelter, gave a warning out for parking illegally on Cottontail Drive, removed a hazard in the roadway on Roosevelt Avenue and removed a tree out of the roadway on Iron Hub Road, assisted a motorist with a flat tire on CSAH#31, took a report of an elderly person riding a scooter on County Road 31 with a storm coming, convinced the individual to turn around and go home and also confirmed they made it home okay, issued a warning of illegal parking on Cottontail Drive, responded to a parking complaint on private property on Agate Shores Road locating the individuals and had them move, responded to a driving complaint on Minnesota Avenue of a white Cadillac driving at a very high rate of speed.

- The department escorted the CI Ranger Track Team to state along with other areas police and fire departments and ambulances.
- Officers participated in the Take-A-Kid-Fishing. Local law enforcement and volunteers brought their boats and took kids fishing on Serpent Lake.
- Officers worked the Woodtick Races and gave tours of the squad car to kids and passed out candy and stickers.
- Officers have been busy educating drivers trying to bypass the closed bridge and ignoring the closed signs.
- Chief Smith reported that the county is moving forward implementing the new countywide Record Management System and Computer Aided Dispatching System for public safety. This new platform, 365Lab, goes live December 2026. It replaces the previous LETG system installed in 2007 which is no longer supported. The city contract with the County for the new 365Lab is for 10 years. This year's cost of \$23,100 was budgeted for the change.
- Chief Smith will apply for a grant for replacement of laptop commuters as the current ones are outdated to use the advanced law enforcement software and meet state requirements.
- **Motion by Smith to approve the contract with Crow Wing County for the 365Lab Record Management System and Computer Aided Dispatching System software. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Chief Smith reported on the opportunity to purchase a 2017 Chevy Tahoe squad car for \$9,000 from Ramsey County. This vehicle includes all the lights, radar, camera, and equipment required for a police vehicle and is in very good shape. The additional expense to the city would be new graphics for \$500.
- **Motion by Workman to approve the purchase of the 2017 Chevy Tahoe squad car from Ramsey County for \$9,000. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Chief Smith shared the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department will donate and deliver 2 fully equipped 2020 Rambo All Terrain Fat Tire E-Bikes to the City and the Cuyuna Police Department. The bikes can enhance the public safety capabilities including responding to emergencies on the trail systems.

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).
- Completed a road review for the city. In general, the drainage looked good. The city may want to consider ranking streets and roads in planning future budget repairs.

Campground Report:

- RV sites are reserved through August. Campers are advised if there is a burning ban or burning restrictions. The city receives compliments for the well-kept grounds, quiet atmosphere, accessibility to trails, and clean bathroom/shower facilities. One suggestion is to make the RV gravel beds wider to accommodate the larger slide outs.

Public Comments:

- No public comments.

Unfinished Business:

- No new report for the zoning non-compliances.

New Business:

- The City reviewed the request from Maucieri Anthony Trust to rezone his properties #19300565 and #19300563 from Open Development and Extraction District to Single and Two Family Residential.
- **Motion by Stockard to not approve the zoning request of Maucieri Anthony Trust to rezone his properties #19300565 and #19300563 from Open Development and Extraction District to Single and Two Family Residential predicated on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' formal objection that changes from Open Development/Extraction to R-2 Single and Two-Family Residential raises significant concerns regarding the long-term mineral management, land-use compatibility, and the State's fiduciary obligations to the School Trust and local taxing districts. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Workman to adjourn. Second by Smith Motion carried unanimously. 6:37 PM.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor