

June 9, 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, and Workman. Council member Haag and Stockard were 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 May 12, 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 3 vegetation fire callouts; 2 in Cuyuna and one in Rabbit Lake Twp. 2 first responders call in Cuyuna.
- The department responded to a mutual aid call from the Crosby Fire Department.
- Fire Chief Hasskamp reported that Cuyuna sent 3 crews to the Flanders Fire the first day, followed by 4 crews Sunday, and 1 crew for half a day on Monday. The operation went well. The council shared its appreciation for their services.
- June training will be in-house on pumping and exercise drills.

Water and Sewer Report:

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

Planning and Zoning Activity Report:

- Reviewing land use applications for a home and a variance request.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the May activity report. There were 65 various traffic stop warnings including 46 for speed, 2 for expired registration, and 6 for no proof of insurance.
- Officer assisted the Deerwood Police Department with a driving complaint at the Holiday Gas Station.
- 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, CPD officers responded to an abandoned vehicle on property along Foley Street, a trespassing complaint on property just off of CSAH31, a report of a scam call from a resident getting traffic ticket texts, and a report of a downed tree on CSAH31. Officers assisted campers at the Cuyuna Mountain Bike Campground with their

concerns of the fires in the area. Officers also assisted citizens in Cuyuna with wildfire information and evacuation information. Additionally, an officer on routine patrol observed a fire on Kennedy Drive and had the owner put the fire out. Cuyuna Fire Department responded to a fire on Main Street. The owner was cited for a burning violation. Officer responded to an individual on Main Street upset about a citation received. Officer de-escalated the individual and explained the citation. Officer responded to a report of two injured bears hit by a vehicle by the CSAH31 bridge. He was unable to locate the bears or vehicle.

- Officers read books to the kindergarteners at CRES “Reading Pals”.

Engineering Report:

- City Engineer Tim Houle shared they have been working with the Clerk submitting information to Rural Development in response to questions on the previously submitted Preliminary Engineering Report(PER) and the Environmental Report(ER). They also sent in the Intended Use Plan (IUP) for 2027 to MN Public Facility Authority(MPFA) who will evaluate it, and depending on how many other applications are received, and how much money is available from the state, determine if the Cuyuna project falls in the fundable range.
- Mr. Houle participated with the mayor reviewing the city streets and roads. He will prepare a report for the July meeting.

Campground Report:

- RV sites are reserved for most weekends and there is an increase in weekday reservations. 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.

Public Comments:

- No public comments.

Unfinished Business:

- No new report for the zoning non-compliances.

New Business:

- The City listened to a presentation regarding potential residential development in the city. Mark Ronnei, representing Woodland Shore Holding Company and Richard Harrison, discussed a potential plat development along the east bowl of Rabbit Lake. The concept would be 10 lots for residential homes, no short-term rentals, on 53 acres. Access would be from Kennedy Drive and the Iron Hub Road. There is an old haul road along the shoreline which would be used for the lots to access the lake. The lots would be 5-7 acres and meet the buildable space requirements and the requirement for two septic locations. The developer would conduct soil sampling and also wetland delineation. Mr. Ronnei shared they plan to submit a preliminary plat application soon.
- The city clerk received a complaint of a property owner using a burn barrel and creating a smell. He shared that in researching; the burning of garbage has been illegal in Minnesota since 1969. Materials that can be burned are leaves, dry grass clippings, untreated/unpainted wood

that contains no glues or resins, and other vegetative materials. To burn these items, a person must use an approved burn barrel design by the DNR. Also, the DNR is the overall enforcement agency, but local enforcement can cite an infraction also.

- **Motion by Smith to send a letter to the property owner with the information regarding burn barrels and advise that continued use could lead to a citation. Second by Workman. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Clerk shared the CSAH3 bridge project starts July 6 and the road will be closed at the bridge. Woodtick Day Races are on June 13.
- The clerk attended Open Meeting Law and Data Practices seminars and submitted the MN Department of Health Cuyuna's Wellhead Protection Plan Amendment, Part 1.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Smith to adjourn. Second Workman. Motion carried unanimously. 6:39 PM.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor

Approved