

March 9, 2026

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, Stockard, and Workman. Council member Haag attended remotely. Also present were Cuyuna Fire Chief Hasskamp, City Engineer Tim Houle, and Clerk-Treasurer Bedard. Cuyuna Police Chief Smith attended remotely.

Mayor Brix led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Smith to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026 regular council meeting. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stockard 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 a fire call in Cuyuna. March training will be on Wildland Preparation.

Water and Sewer Report:

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

Planning and Zoning Activity Report:

- No new activity report for February.

Police Chief Report:

- Police Chief Smith provided the council with the February activity report. There were 49 various traffic stop warnings including 32 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, Mine Shaft Place, and Kennedy Drive.
- Among the monthly activities and calls, CPD assisted with traffic control for a hazard in the road on County Road 31 in Cuyuna, assisted with a snowmobiler struck in the roadway of Foley Street and Minnesota Avenue in Cuyuna, picked up a bag of garbage and debris all over the road and in the gutter on Minnesota Avenue and Foley Street, returned a loose dog running around on Minnesota Avenue to the owner and advised about ordinance.
- Officers provided several agency assists to Crosby Police Department and the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department
- Cuyuna PD assisted with an escort for the C-I Rangers dance line going to the MN State Tournament along with other area fire, police, EMS, and towing services.
- Cuyuna PD assisted with an escort for the C-I Rangers dance unified basketball team coming back from taking 2nd place in the MN State Tournament along with other area fire, police, EMS, and towing services.

Engineering Report:

- City Engineer Tim Houle provided updates on future improvements to the water system. The city water infrastructure and tower are over 100 years old; dating back to the 1910s. The city initiated an investigation into a potential water system replacement several years ago after a successful replacement of its sewer system infrastructure. Current projected costs could be about \$5,000,000 and the city should send current costs to the state to be placed on its priority list for funding. The city is one of several hundred other projects on the state priority list for funding and ranks in the middle of that priority list. Additionally, the city has been contacted by federal legislators and the Army Corp of Engineering on potential funding. While all the potential funding is competitive, the council was reminded the city was persistent in pursuing the funds for its sewer project with resulting success securing favorable grants and low interest financing.
- Engineer Tim Houle requested council approval to send in the most current cost estimates for the water project to be placed on the state project priority list.
- **Motion by Stockard for Widseth to send in the most current cost estimates for the water project to be placed on the state project priority list. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

Campground Report:

- Most summer weekend spots are full. Council will review campground preparations in April.

Public Comments:

- No public comments

Unfinished Business:

- The Council tabled discussion for the open zoning non-compliances until April.
- The city reviewed a resolution provided by the city attorney to resolve the Agate Lake Shores property issue.
- **Motion by Smith to approve the resolution to resolve the Agate Lake Shores property issue. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

- Council discussed spring road restrictions considering the age of the paved and unpaved streets and roads.
- **Motion by Stockard to post all city paved and unpaved streets and roads at 4 Ton per axle and for the same period the county uses for its roads. Second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**
- City will review its road and street conditions this spring.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Stockard to adjourn. Second by Haag. Motion carried unanimously. 6:25 PM.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor