

May 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Cuyuna City Council was held at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Present were Mayor Brix and council members Zontelli, Stockard, and Eisen. Mayor Brix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Stockard to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2014 meeting. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stockard to approve payment of the invoices and the forthcoming regular monthly invoices. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Report:

- Chief Lou Dirkes presented the monthly CFD report. No council action required.
- There were four first responder calls during the month. Also one fire call in Rabbit Lake Township.
- The Cuyuna Fire Department has been approached to provide fire protection services for the Dean Lake area in Unorganized Territory. Clerk will review with the county and the township the process to consider this request.

Water and Sewer Report:

- No current report for the SLSSD.
- Council discussed the status of the east North Street main water line. It is still frozen or blocked. Subcontractor will begin repair work the first week in May. Also, there is one additional frozen residential line in the south west end of the city. Resident requested the City pay to unthaw the line. However, the city water main at that location is flowing and the issue may not be the City's. Council decided not to hire a contractor to unthaw that connection.

Building Construction Activities:

- No activity.

Police Chief Report:

- Council received the monthly police department activity report from Chief Leonard. The department issued several warnings for speed and defective vehicle equipment. The department provided support to a bank alarm in Emily, responded to a domestic dispute, and gave permission to a resident to burn and cleanup wood debris. No council action was required.

Engineer Report:

- Tim Houle, WSN Engineer, was present for updates in the Unfinished Business portion of the agenda.

Attorney Report:

- Discussed requirements for serving alcohol outside a licensed establishment but on the premise.
- Recommended the City not sign the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trail Crew volunteer agreement. Volunteers would be covered for liability under the City's current insurance with the League of Municipal Cities.

- Attorney and Police Chief Leonard will review each nuisance property complaint and send letters addressing the violations of the city ordinance.

Website Report:

- 1542 page visits from 446 individual IEP addresses.

Blandin/Cuyuna Chamber:

- No Report

Unfinished Business:

- Tim Houle, WSN engineer, reported the City's wastewater project is on the Wastewater Infrastructure Funding (WIF) list for bonding projects. He has not received feedback from Rural Development on that application. He recommended council members contact the City's state representatives.
- Clerk noted the DNR grant obtained by the City must be completed by June 30, 2014. He recommended requesting from the DNR an extension for the project until August to allow maximum leverage of the grant amount.
- **Motion by Zontelli to request an extension to the DNR grant period until August 30, 2014. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Council reviewed the quotes for the fence around the pump track.
- **Motion by Stockard to approve the quote from Oberg Fencing for the two rail cedar fencing and to include a person and post hole digging. Second by Zontelli. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Holmwig Excavation will complete the pump track parking area once the area is dry enough.
- The Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trail Crew will coordinate the shaping and spring maintenance of the pump track surface.
- Council to pursue additional signage for best practice pump track rules and also directional signs to the track from the county road.
- City will proceed with applying a performance coating in June onto the pump track. The coating will allow the track to hold up better in weather conditions and under increased rider use.
- Mayor reported the track should not be used until the maintenance work is completed.
- Council reviewed the draft pump track ad for the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Visitor Guide. Consensus of the council that the ad needs to show the function of the track with riders in the ad and also change some of the words to create excitement.
- Ritter and Ritter will clean and video record the city sewer lines in May. Clerk to send out a postcard to the water/sewer users when the vendor date of service is firmed up.
- Clerk reported the water tower inspection and roof top painting should be completed in June; weather allowing. The City will receive a report of the tower condition to review at a future council meeting.
- Council discussed the council vacancy. There were no city resident applicants for the position. Council approved placing a larger ad in the Courier.

New Business:

- Council reviewed the Minnesota Power Franchise Agreement. The agreement requests the City pass an ordinance for a 20 year non-exclusive agreement with Minnesota Power; allowing the company to maintain its equipment in the city right-of-ways. Attorney Bender saw no issue with this request.

- **Motion by Zontelli to approve the Franchise Agreement with MP. Second by Stockard. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Council reviewed the application of a property owner on Cottontail Drive wishing to subdivide his property. The application was incomplete per the ordinance requirements for such a request; missing legal descriptions, topographical map, surveys, building sites, etc. Council directed the clerk to return the incomplete application and request the property owner resubmit with the required documents per the city ordinances.

Informational:

6 delinquent water accounts.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Zontelli to adjourn. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor

Approved