



CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2025 AT 4:30 PM
FINLAYSON CITY HALL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:36 PM by Deputy Mayor Morgan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Council members present: Barb Morgan, Kim Schaefer, Jeff Flaws, Rhonda Kriesel
 - b. Council members absent: Dave Auchter, planned
 - c. Others present: None
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Snow Removal Equipment: After three meetings with maintenance staff, the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee proposed to purchase a new Cat Model 270 Skid Steer with a 2yd bucket & snowblower from Ziegler Cat, at the estimated total cost of \$73,045.14, after a \$30,000 trade in (for the city's tractor.) *Motion by Morgan to postpone the purchase until the summer of 2026. In favor: Morgan, Schaefer. Opposed: Flaws, Kriesel. Motion failed on a tie vote; no action was taken on the equipment purchase at this time.*
 - b. Engineer Direction for PER: The Council needs to provide clarification to the Engineer in regards to the direction the Council wants to take for the identified infrastructure needs. The Engineer recommends the following:
 - i. Update the Water Treatment Plant to address a chemical room, corrosion, insulation and backup generator, along with installing a new Pressure Filter to replace the existing filter at a cost of \$3.649M.
 - ii. Sandblast and recoat the Water Tower/Drinking Water Storage at a cost of \$1.047M.
 - iii. Reline the existing Sanitary Sewer System, a no-dig option at a cost of \$2.711M.
 - iv. Street Restoration – repair those that are WEP-ineligible at a cost of \$159K.*Motion by Morgan to proceed with the PER as recommended by the City Engineer. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Additionally, the Engineer proposed a filter review by KLM for \$2,000, while KLM is evaluating the water tower. *Motion by Flaws to proceed with the \$2,000 filter analysis. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Finally, the Council needed to determine if they wanted the “nominal” or “comprehensive” testing of the water. *Motion by Schaefer to proceed with comprehensive testing of the water. All in favor. Motion carried.*
4. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion by Morgan to adjourn the special Council meeting at 5:42PM. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Submitted by Liz Bernhardt, City Clerk, August 11, 2025