

Finlayson City Council - Regular Meeting
Finlayson City Hall
April 8, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, April 8, 2024 by Dave Auchter, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Joe Okun, Barb Morgan, Kim Schaefer, Russell Lucht

Council Members absent: none

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Randy Millner, Bill Morgan, Shelly Goodman, Joe Luedtke

2. Additions or Corrections:

Add New Business J City Hall Office Rental

Add New Business K Employee Handbook and Calendar

Add New Business L Remote Meeting Technology

Add New Business M Council Members Access to City Hall

3. Compliments and Complaints:

Morgan mentioned pothole brought to her attention on School St. Millner his aware and will look.

Alisa P (Mane Attractions) brought forward being more proactive in slowing down traffic coming into town. Would like some signage with possibly solar lights to bring attention to speed limit like other nearby towns have. Lucht to research some pricing and options available.

Public Comments: none

4. Approval of Minutes and March Financials:

A. A motion was made by Schaefer to approve March 11 minutes. Second by Okun, all in favor. Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Okun to approve March bills minutes. Second by Schaefer, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Reports:

A. **John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator:** Pump still has not ETA on delivery. Mikrot stated hydrant by school needs repair. Will work on it this summer when school is out of session. We currently have a contract for mowing of the sewer ponds so Mikrot will continue to do so.

B. **Randy Millner, Public Works:** Millner had no new issues to bring up. He will work on the sidewalk by Catholic Church.

C. Joe Luedtke, Bar Manager:

Two weeks in and he is starting to get a lot moving and figured out. There are some training issues he wants to address with the staff for purposes of uniformity. Will be holding a meeting soon for all staff.

D. Wyatt Lucht (Fire Chief) Fire Department:

Reporting there were 14 calls this past month; 8 medicals and 5 fire. 1 motor vehicle accident that turned into rescue as well. March had 143 resource hours. The fire department will be holding a mandatory Blood and Airborne Pathogen class at Fire Hall on May 20th at 7:00 pm. May 23rd will need use of front office at City Hall for medical certification of fire fighters. Skywarn class being offered at Casino in Hinckley April 22nd at 6:00 pm. April 17th and May 15th fire dept will be doing their EMR training.

A. Shelly Goodman, City Clerk:

SCI bill for new internet set up at Muni and Fire Hall. Firehall needed own drop for better internet. Goodman to do a price analysis to make sure bill is correct. Goodman also to find SCI Franchise Agreement.

B. Zoning and Planning:

A committee consisting of six members (including one council member) and three alternate members has been formed. Meetings will be on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall beginning on May 6th. Morgan motion to approve members Josette Koets, Nancy Liebelt, Marge Haefner, Rev. Nathaniel Konkell, Joe Okun – Council, Norm Kester- Business, Dennis Liebelt (Alternate), Bruce Pogatchnik (Alternate), Jeff Flaws (Alternate). Second by Lucht, Schaefer abstained motion carried.

6. Old Business:

A. Banning Junction Sewer District and Finlayson Water and Sewer Rate adjustment:

The possibility of rate increases has been brought up. Okun and Goodman to do an analysis to determine. No action taken at this time.

7. New Business:

A: Resolution 2024-01 addendum to Annual appointments; Morgan motion to approve resolution with updated engineer- Bollig Engineering. Second by Schaefer all in favor, motion carried.

B: Resolution 2024-04 Pine County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; A City of Finlayson falls under the county scope. Schaefer motion to approve with Wyatt Lucht, Fire Chief as Emergency Director. Okun second, R Lucht abstained and motion carried.

C: Resolution 2024-05 Donation to Fire and Rescue; Morgan motion to accept \$200.00 donation from John and Anita Hemmeter for Finlayson Fire and Rescue. Schaefer second, all in favor. Motion carried.

D: Ordinance 155 Scheduled Fees; Adding beer and wine license fees, tabled need more info on all rates.

E: Blandin Foundation; No action taken. An inquiry letter was sent to Blandin Foundation by Dave Auchter.

F: Post Office Sale; No motion made to pursue the sale.

G: Blight/Abandoned property 2326 State Highway 18; Property is delinquent on taxes. Goodman will contact county to inquire about our legal options at this time.

H: Lions Club Liquor Application for May 11 event; Morgan motion to approve temp license for May 11th event. Okun second all in favor. Motion carried,

I: Agreement for Law Enforcement; Morgan motion to approve contract with Pine County Sheriff. Schaefer second all in favor. Motion carried.

J: Office Rental; Okun motion to engage in conversation with Marge Haefner that we are willing to rent out office space for Jun, Jul, Aug pending agreement on terms. Morgan second, Schaefer abstained. Motion carried. Goodman to request more information from Marge.

K: Employee Handbook and Calendar; Goodman and personnel committee will take care of this and present a final document for approval once complete and reviewed for legalities

L: Remote Technology; Okun motion to approve a maximum of \$800.00 for TV and camera as well as remote meeting software. Lucht second all in favor. Motion carried.

M: Council Access to City Hall; Goodman to have three keys made and stamped for inventory to give to council members.

A motion was made by Schaefer to adjourn at 8:52 pm, second by Okun, all in favor. Motion carried.

Shelly Goodman, City Clerk