

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2020

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, August 10, 2020 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Jeremy Byers, Nadine Hedtke, Mike Drahosh, with Joe Luedtke absent.

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, and Vickie Oetterer.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Hedtke to approve minutes from the July 13, 2020 regular council meeting, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

Complaint: Bjorklund indicated that a few different residents have expressed their concern for the condition of the American flags that are on the light poles throughout the city. Bjorklund noted that she has been in communication with the Community Club but the remaining members aren't aware that they were responsible for them and believe it should be the City that is responsible. Council requests Bjorklund to speak with Lion's Club about possibly taking over at least the funding of the flags to get new ones.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that July had a total of 5 medical calls, and one vehicle accident, for a total of 23.5 man hours. The SCBA filling station has been fully installed and tested. New firefighter/ rescue personnel of Mike Kruse presented to the council. Kruse has 47 years with the Northfield FD. Motion made by Drahosh to accept new member Kruse, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: The lift station repair is still waiting for the parts to arrive.

Zoning and Planning: Ad has been placed in the paper for Zoning Administrator. With the future expansion of sub-division north of the DSE factory, the need for an administrator is increasing.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating July 2020 had a net profit of approximately \$4,300 and YTD we are at a net loss of \$1,200. Adding that August is not looking good given expenses in August includes the bond payments and liquor liability insurance. The 2019 financial audit is still on-going but should be completed by the September council meeting. We have received the Coronavirus Funding of \$23,054. One of the requirements for the bar is humidity level due to the Coronavirus so a quote was received from D&E for an inline dehumidifier instead of the mobile units we are currently using. A motion was made by Byers to approve the purchase of the dehumidifier unit, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried. Businesses are able to apply for grants through Pine County for COVID funds up to \$10,000.

A motion was made by Drahosh to accept July financials and pay bills seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

Old Business:

- A. During the past couple months Seven Oaks Lane has been topic of discussion. Last month it was asked by Luedtke why the street sign was placed at the end of his driveway. It was determined that what use to be a driveway serviced by several homes, was turned into Seven Oaks Lane many years ago. Upon discussion with Pine County, it was determined that the houses located on Seven Oaks Lane that had an address of Dixon Line would need to be given new addresses. Bjorklund will work with the County to get new addresses issued.

New business:

- A. Sportsmans' club has submitted an application for the November gun raffle. The raffle will likely not consist of an actual event but just a ticket drawing to be held in a public location. A motion was made by Byers to approve the application, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

A motion made by Byers to adjourn, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator