

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2018

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, August 6, 2018 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Tom Price, Jeremy Byers with Joe Luedtke absent.

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Mike Drahosh, Josh Martin, Alisa Pahkala, Shawn Jansen.

Additions or Corrections:

Add Finlayson Giese Lions Gambling Lease License renewal/amendment

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes from July 9, 2018 regular council meeting/public hearing seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported July had four calls, three of them were medical calls and one was a fire call for a total of 33 man hours. Air compressor has been installed and working good. An application from Chris Albrecht to join the fire department was received. A motion to accept the application and move forward with hiring was given by Price, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot is still waiting for a quote for a debris basket for the lift station. Maguire Iron is scheduled to clean the outside of the water tower the end of August. Two water meters and local businesses were checked and found to be operating properly. Additional residential water meters will be checked for accuracy. Quote received for replacement of water meters is \$310 per meter.

Zoning and Planning: A building permit application was submitted by Finlayson Ag Center for an addition to their warehouse. A motion was made by Price to approve the building permit application, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave overview of the Liquor store financials stating July 2018 had a net income of nearly \$6,500 for the month which was less than the prior year. An additional freezer is going to be necessary to increase our ability to have more frozen food storage due to vendor cut backs on deliveries as well as a potential increase for more of a variety of items. Genesis internet will install antennas when the water tower cleaning is complete. Shaefer Park is in need of a new water hand pump due to it being damaged. A new hand pump has been ordered and will be installed. Once installed, the MDH has to test it and then it will be operational. Credit cards and electronic checks are now accepted on the City website for payment of water/sewer bills. Customers are responsible for the processing fee at

time of payment. Two additional bartenders are being sought as we do not have enough bartenders for back up.

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

Old Business:

New business:

- A. Finlayson Giese Sportsman Club is seeking approval for the November Gun Raffle license. Motion made by Price to approve license, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.
- B. Josh Martin questioning firefighter disciplinary decision from closed meeting held July 9, 2018. Three incidents were the result of the disciplinary action which were brought to light by the Pine County Sheriff's Office. Josh is requesting that letter be removed from his file after his 6 month probation period has ended. By-laws state that disciplinary letters remain on file for 2 years. No change will be given to the probation period or the length of time of retention for the letter. The council stood behind the decision of the fire dept.
- C. Resolution 2018-04 to recognize Oct 15, 2018 as Infants Remembered In Silence Day with a motion by Byers, seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.
- D. September City Council meeting date change proposed by Mayor Cowart to Sept 17th at 5:30 due to conflict of schedule. Motion by Price to change date, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.
- E. Ron Redding approached the Council with a request for additional funds to cover the replacement of speakers on Finland Ave, which took place in June. Bjorklund was approached by Redding in June at the time of the replacement with an agreement to contribute \$500 but with the total cost coming in at \$2219 the Lion's Club is requesting additional funds. Lions are also requesting approval from the Council to apply for a full liquor license instead of just 3-2 for use at the Community Center. Both items tabled until more information is available for the September meeting.

A motion by Byers to adjourn seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator