

Finlayson City Council - Regular Meeting
Finlayson City Hall
December 11th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, December 11, 2023 by Dave Auchter, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Members absent: Joe Okun

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Randy Millner, Bill Morgan, Hayley Erickson, Bobbi Eaton.

Additions or Corrections: none

Compliments and Complaints:

Complaint of dog in bar during cribbage. Will be addressed by Eaton.

Complaint of bartenders unable to play Bingo and Meat Raffle. This is not a city choice, rather, is set forth by the State Gambling Board that they are not able to play meat raffle at all. Bingo can be played if off duty.

Public Comments: none

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by B. Morgan to approve minutes from the November 13th, 2023 regular council meeting, seconded by Auchter with all in favor and carried.

A motion was made by B Morgan to approve minutes from November 13th, 2023 closed meeting, second by Auchter. All in favor motion carried.

A motion was made by B Morgan to approve minutes from November 29th, 2023 special meeting, second by Schaefer. All in favor motion carried.

Reports:

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator:

Media has been charged. Hydrant by School St has been pumped and winterized. Should have estimate next month for new pump from MN Pump. Dept of Health inspection found surface rust on tank. Special paint needed will work with Millner to be ready to do next summer. Chlorine tank is leaking price for new is approximately \$400.00. Motion made by Auchter to approve spending for new chlorine tank at that price, second by Lucht. All in favor motion carried.

Randy Millner, Public Works: Salt machine is inoperable, part needed was ordered 12/11 for \$50.00. Snowblower has issues with a bad electrical cord. Will be working on resolving the issue. Auchter recommends Millner get CDL.

Bobbi Eaton/Hayley Erickson, Lead Bartenders: Bar will be closed on New Years Day for inventory and price changes. Eaton requests to make purchases already in the budget in early 2024.

Morgan and Auchter expressed concern about the Adult Comedy Show and if this is something we want our town known for. Advertising will expressly say ADULT to ensure there is no misunderstanding. Brought in a large crowd last summer per Bobbi so he is returning in January. No action taken regarding future scheduling.

Shelly Goodman, City Clerk:

- Working on new employee handbook and performance evaluation forms to put into place in 2024.

Dawn Tasler, Deputy Clerk:

- Brought up again decreasing her wage back to her regular wage due to Goodman being trained and her hours are decreasing. A motion was made by Auchter to approve wage decrease effective January 1st, 2024, second by Morgan. All in favor motion carried.
- Goodman wage increase tabled until January with it being retroactive to January 1st, 2024. A motion was made by Auchter to study wage range for job position, second by Morgan. All in favor motion carried.

Wyatt Lucht (Fire Chief) Fire Department:

Reporting there were 9 calls this past month; 8 medical, 1 mutual aid for Sandstone. Ice/cold water training done this past week. Santa Day breakfast went well. Advised Fire and Rescue is eligible for \$3740.00 for training from MBFTE. Must use by July 2024.

Zoning and Planning: none

Old business:

A: Olsen building permit; A permit is not needed at this time. Once he decides to build structure is when a permit will be required.

B. ECE Letter of Support; Could not find a violation of any franchise.

New business:

A: Oberloh & Oberloh Audit Firm Proposal; A motion was made by Morgan to retain the services of Oberloh & Oberloh as our new audit firm, second by Schaefer. All in favor motion carried.

B. Resolution 2023-09 2024 Final Tax Levy; A motion was made by Morgan to approve the tax levy, second by Schaefer. All in favor motion carried.

1. A motion was made by Auchter to approve the 2024 budget, second by Morgan. All in favor motion carried.

C. Transfer of funds from liquor store to general; Tabled until January giving time for more information to be gathered.

D. Resolutions 2023-14,15 Donations to Fire Department; A motion was made by Auchter to approve donations, second by Schaefer. All in favor motions carried.

E: Resolutions 2023-16 Adopting ESST for 2024; A motion was made by Morgan to adopt, second by Lucht. All in favor motion carried.

A motion was made by Morgan to adjourn at 8:40 pm, second by Schaefer with all in favor and carried.

Shelly Goodman, City Clerk