

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2019

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, February 11, 2019 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Joe Luedtke, Jeremy Byers, Tom Price and Mike Drahosh

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, Alanea White and John Mikrot

Additions or Corrections:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Drahosh to approve minutes from January 14, 2019 regular council meeting, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht indicated that December 2018 had three medical calls and one fire call, which was called off in route, for a total of 11.5 mans hours. There were 96 total calls in 2018. January had four medical calls and two fire calls, one of which was called off in route, for a total of 75.5 man hours. Lucht is requesting approval for a new nozzle which was broken during one of the recent fires. A motion was made by Byers, seconded by Luedtke, with all in favor and carried for the purchase of a nozzle for approximately \$550.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot reported other than one resident there were no other issues report during the extreme cold. Water Conversation will be here March 22 to do a leak test of the system. John will be in training March 5-7.

Zoning and Planning: Resident question on rather a building permit is necessary for a fence. Cowart advised that no permit is required but they must call for a local to be done and must be within their property boundaries.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating January 2019 had a net loss of nearly \$2,000 for the month which was actually an improvement of nearly \$10,000 from the prior January, as well as an increase of 16% in income compared to the prior January. The annual audit is currently scheduled for March 4-6, 2019. Alcohol awareness training will be March 10, 2019 for all bartenders. There will likely be another special election in the next month.

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

Old Business:

- A. Ziegler nuisance animals – communication was received from the City Attorney indicating that Ziegler’s are in violation of Ordinance 32 as well as MN Statute 347.50. We have been instructed to file a formal complaint with the sheriff’s office. A motion was made by Drahosh to proceed with the sheriff’s office, seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

New business:

- A. Resolution 2019-02 Garrison Fire Department Donation – Accepted donation of SCBA units and tanks from Garrison Fire Dept with a motion by Byers, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- B. Pine County Assessment agreement – Agreement for the assessment of properties in Finlayson by the Pine County Assessor’s office for 2020-2022 accepted with a motion by Byers, seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator