

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2016

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, January 11, 2016, by Xavier Villarreal, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Ed Cowart, Jeremy Byers, Tom Price and Joe Luedtke.

Others present: John Mikrot, Barb Morgan, Russell Lucht, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan and Brent Henry.

Additions or Corrections:

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Cowart to approve minutes as from December 14, 2015, regular council meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: John reported there has not been any freeze ups and has been working with the booms to absorb the free product at the lift station.

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: absent

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month the Fire and Rescue reported to 9 calls 6 Medical 3 Fire. Lucht also reported first responder refresher training has taken place 8 of the twelve hours was don on Saturday January 9, 2016.

Wyatt reported the ATV has been brought over to the FCI to have work completed on it at the vocational training.

Lucht informed the council that 6 pagers are in need of repair. After a discussion on repair option and replacement options, A motion by Byers to repair pagers seconded by Luedtke.

Wyatt informed the council the fire Department needs to purchase 12 head lamps as many firefighters are using personnel lights or have lost and malfunctioning lights.

Chief Lucht asked that the Council approve Katie Hanson as fire fighter, a motion by Luedtke to approve Katie Hanson as Firefighter pending back ground check seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

A discussion on firefighter participation in meetings and response, it was decided that the fire fighters should decided at the upcoming fire relief meeting and put in place consequences'.

Al Brigian City Administrator reported the yearend inventory went very well at the Municipal, with the Auditor Robert Althoff verifying cash and inventory items. Al also report he has been working on year end reports to the state, county and preparing for annual Audit. Al also has been working on setting up Alcohol awareness classes for the bartenders, which is very important in the event of any incidents that may happen concerning the liquor store. Brigian also reported he has been working with John on reports to MPCA and with function of the booms.

Financial Reports:

A motion Cowart to accept the financials and pay bills seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried

Old Business:

A. Fire Hall Building: Brigian reported Craig Skaff has made an offer to the City to trade his lot on the corner of Front Street and Finland Ave. for the lot in which the Liquor Store and Fire Hall sit on currently. Al reported that he contacted Kevin Hofstad the Cities attorney as to the legality of the trade. Hofstad replied it is legal and the City should consider a Build to buy program where a new Fire hall and Liquor store be build to City Specification enabling the current structures be used until the new structures are built and ready for use. Hofstad also suggested the Planning and zoning Committee meet and determine that the trade of the property would not contemplate some intended use of the city property, and approval of the planning commission is a statutory requirement. After some discussion it was decided that the Planning and Zoning committee meet and move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2016-01: A motion by Cowart to approve Resolution 2016-01 annual appointments seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

B. Ordinance 155: A motion by Cowart to accept Ordinance 155 Cities fee schedule seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

C. Planning and Zoning appointment: a motion by Villarreal to reappoint Barb Morgan and appoint Cody Lemke to fill out Joe Luedtke term on the Planning and Zoning Committee seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Correspondence: Invitation from the Pine County hospital District to all Counsel Members and residents to attend the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Hospital January 21, 2016.

A motion by Cowart to adjourn the regular council meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Allan Brigian, City Clerk, Administrator

