

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2022

The regular city council meeting was called to order Tuesday, January 18, 2022 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, Russell Lucht, Erick Blaisdell, Bill Morgan and Ailene Croup.

Complaint: Nicole Vork at 6478 Lake St. is complaining about Mark Guss' dog running around and coming into her yard continually. Mark has been talked to and advised that if his dog continues to be an issue as it has in the past, that he will be fined up to \$200 per our animal ordinance. She also was complaining about Alex Price spinning his tires and loud truck. This happens to be an issue with this transmission, which is going to be fixed soon.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drahosh to approve minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular council meeting, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that 2021 had 127 total calls, nine of which were fire totaling almost 900 man hours. Quotes were received from Degerstrom Construction for \$1580 and Tara Jensen for \$400 for the installation of the tile in the fire hall bathroom. Mayor Price, Blaisdell and Bjorklund all do not see the need for the tile as the floor is concrete and will require more maintenance than currently occurs. Bjorklund to check on need for liability insurance for Tara as an individual.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: none.

Zoning and Planning: none.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating December 2021 had a net profit of \$3,700 with our YTD profit at approximately \$57,000. 2021 sales reached \$909,000. The annual financial audit is in process. Discussed with the auditor about our individual that has done our bank reconciliation has retired. Auditor indicated we can do the bank reconciliation but the council will need to approve it with the financials going forward.

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

Old business:

- A. Bjorklund has contacted the state to determine our need for an updated fire sprinkler system and they said to contact the contractor that installed it. So Summit Company is coming to review our needs based on code and quote the project to update the sprinkler system/hood.

New business:

- A. Resolution 2022-01 is the annual appointments for the council. A motion was made by Byers to approve the resolution, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- B. Update to Ordinance 155 – Fee Schedule is due to a change in the water rates. A motion was made by Luedtke to approve the update, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.
- C. Resolution 2022-02 is a resolution in support of the Northern Lights Railway going from Duluth to the Twin Cities with a stop in Sandstone. A motion was made by Drahosh supporting the railway, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.
- D. Bjorklund is requesting a transfer from the Liquor fund to the General fund of \$20,000. A motion was made by Drahosh to approve the transfer, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- E. Ailene Croup from Sandstone Township has approached the Council about Finlayson taking over Sandstone Township fire protection as the City of Sandstone has continually significantly raised their rates with a decline in the protection provided. After not being able to come to an agreement with the City of Sandstone, they were told to go look elsewhere for fire protection, so they are asking for our assistance. The concern of us taking on their area is the length of time to get to the area as they span 11 miles. Council advised Sandstone Township to speak with Askov and Hinckley about possibly splitting the area.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator