

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2017

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday July 10, 2017, by Ed Cowart, Deputy Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Ed Cowart, Joe Luedtke, Tom Price and Jeremy Byers with Xavier Villarreal absent.

Others present: Natasha Watercott and Wyatt Lucht.

Additions or Corrections:

A. Initiative foundation

B. Resignation Letter

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Byers to approve minutes as from June 12, Regular council meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month there was 6 medical calls 1 vehicle and 1 false alarm. Med Compass is in process doing health checks for fire fighters tonight July 10, 2017. Wyatt also reported Emergency Apparatus will be here on Wed July 12, 2017 to certify trucks. Lucht also reported he installed a new siren in the rescue rig as the old one failed.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: absent

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: absent

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of the Liquor store activities stating that the 4th of July Celebration went very well, with the bar employees doing a very good Job. Brigan also informed council July 2nd off sale Liquor Sales was about \$1,740.00, which is very good although feeling most of the sales happened because of the holiday weekend and some sales just because the patrons could buy on Sunday.

Brigan informed Council that Fema has some grant opportunities, although because of the size of the grant suggested the Council might hire a grant writer. After some discussion it was decided that a grant writer should be look into, A motion by Byers to research a grant writer and to pay up \$500.00 seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Brigan also informed Council the Finlayson Giese sportsman Club has asked permission to hold the annual Gun raffle the 3rd weekend in November. Permission is being asked early as it takes time to receive gambling permits. A motion by Price to allow the Finlayson Giese Sportsman to hold their Annual Gun Raffle at the Municipal for 2017 seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

A motion by Luedtke to accept the financials for June 2017 and pay bills seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Old Business:

A. Blight Anthony: no new developments

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Initiative Foundation: After some discussion council decided not to donate to the Initiative Foundation.

B. Resignation: Cowart read a resignation from Xavier Villarreal stepping down as Mayor of the City of Finlayson.

A motion by Price to accept the resignation of Xavier Villarreal as Mayor seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Cowart informed the Council that because he is Deputy Mayor he will fill the Mayor's vacancy until term end. Although with a Council seat open the Council may: 1. Hold a special Election. 2. Ask for letters of interest in serving on Council and appoint someone to serve out open position. 3. Do nothing leave Council seat open until election.

Council was informed an official Resolution must be passed stating there is a Council opening.

After some discussion it was decided to wait until next meeting to make a decision as to how to handle the opening.

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