

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2019

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, July 8, 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, John Mikrot, Bill Morgan, Alanea White, Barb Morgan, and Sarah Colstrud

Additions or Corrections:

E: Colstrud request for culvert and sewer connection information

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Luedtke to approve minutes from June 10, 2019 regular council meeting, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht indicated that June had three medical calls and one grass fire call for a total of 17.5 man hours. The Fire Dept will hold a pancake breakfast on July 21st at the Community Center. The fire trucks will be in the area parades throughout the summer.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot finally received the quote for the debris basket from Minnesota Pump Works. It is over \$5000. Mikrot is connecting with other cities to determine where and through which organization there are grants available to relining the sewer system.

Zoning and Planning: nothing to report.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating June 2019 had a net income of nearly \$16,000 for the month which is more than double compared to June 2018, though the sales increase from last year was only 0.24%. The 4th of July celebration was very good for the bar. The introduction of checking ID's and putting on wristbands at the west door entrance to the bar was very helpful to the bartenders and a time savings overall during the busy day.

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

Old Business:

- A. Mail-in ballot results so far are 16 people in favor of mail-in compared to 18 people in favor of in-person ballots. The savings per each election cycle would be over \$600

if we switched to mail-in ballots. The discussion was tabled until next month to allow for further investigation.

- B. Creamery owners still have yet to contact the City or perform any maintenance on the building. Final letter to be sent to property owner by Bjorklund. If no action after this letter, City Attorney will be involved.

New business:

- A. The Community Club has approached the City asking for a financial assistance of \$300. Motion by Price to approve up to \$300 with proof of receipts, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried. The Community Club also is requesting the City be the host for 2020, that discussion was tabled until next year. No member of the Community Club was present.
- B. Carl Nordquist from Althoff and Nordquist presented the 2018 City of Finlayson Audit Report to the City Council. Carl noted that there were no findings to report and gave explanations of some changes to the reporting structure for pensions. He advised the City to keep an eye on the pension changes to try to budget for future.
- C. Motion by Drahosh to approve the 2018 Audit Report, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- D. Liquor store incentives were calculated from employees based on profit of greater than \$25,000. Motion made by Byers to approve incentive checks for liquor store employees, seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.
- E. Sarah Colstrud spoke to the council regarding flooding in her and her neighbors driveway in an effort to determine who is responsible and how to correct it. Council indicated that maintenance workers will look at it and discuss with her. She feels that a culvert would solve the issue. Additionally, she is having septic issues and needs to have it replaced or repaired and was inquiring about hooking up to the City sewer system. Mikrot provided her with a map showing the nearest location for her to hook into the sewer system if she decides to hook up a grinder and piping for her septic.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator