

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
July 9, 2018

The regular city council meeting and public hearing was called to order Monday, July 9, 2018 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Tom Price, Jeremy Byers, Joe Luedtke

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Nathasha Watercott.

Additions or Corrections:

Add Finlayson Giese Lions Gambling Lease License renewal/amendment
Complaints regarding 2nd Ave. blight issue and goats on Macarthur Street

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Luedtke to approve minutes from June 5, 2018 regular council meeting/public hearing seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported June had five calls, four of them were medical calls and one was a fire call for a total of 18 man hours. An appropriate air compressor has now been selected from Harbor Freight for \$799 plus shipping, Bjorklund to order, motion by Luedtke to approve purchase, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. Pumper fire truck had an electrical fire during the Finlayson 4th of July parade due to an overload on a newly installed electrical component. Parts are on order to repair electrical panel.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot indicated that the bi-annual pump inspection has been completed. Mikrot is still waiting for a quote for a debris basket for the lift station. He did visit another city to view their debris basket and concluded that it will work for our operation. The fire hydrant by the school has been repaired. A simple assessment to determine water loss or incorrect meter readings was started with results leading towards an indication of potential meter replacement required. Mikrot will continue to do additional monitoring to find the exact issue and obtain a quote to determine the cost of replacing all the meters should that actually be the issue.

Zoning and Planning: A building permit application was submitted by a contractor for window replacement. For this type of work, a build permit is not required. A motion was made by Price to approve the building permit request but to issue a refund of the \$100 that was sent in with the request, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. A citizens complaint was issued related to blight concerns on 2nd street. Bjorklund stated she reviewed the property and it didn't show noticeable blight concern. Cowart to review property and advise.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave overview of the Liquor store financials stating June 2018 had a net income of nearly \$8,300 for the month which was \$10,000 more than

the prior year. Bjorklund attended Clerk Orientation Training offered by LMC in June as well as Head Election Judge Training from Pine County in June.

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. Water leak testing to be continued to determine source of issue with water pumped not matching the water being billed on a monthly basis.
- B. Henkel blight – Property has been purchased by Northern Contractors, therefore no issue remains as it will be demolished.
- C. Culverts on City property –City Attorney as advised that since Marx claims to not be the rightful owner of the culverts that the City is to publish notice for 3 weeks for someone to claim them or they become the property of the city. Bjorklund to publish notice.
- D. Genesis Internet – City Attorney has reviewed contract, sees no issue with signing. Motion made during June meeting to approve and sign under advisement of the attorney.

New business:

- A. Resolution 2018-03 for Election judges – motion by Byers to approve resolution, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- B. Bjorklund provided a draft version of the notice to be sent to water/sewer customers regarding water being shut off for delinquent accounts. Motion by Price to approve letter to be sent to customers, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- C. Decision on whether to charge customers for additional water use or make them fix winter freeze up issues to be tabled until further details can be discussed.
- D. Closed meeting for Firefighter disciplinary decision. Meeting opened at 7:34pm. Captions meeting to be held to finalize decision of disciplinary action. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55pm by Price, seconded by Luedtke.
- E. Closed meeting for City Administrator performance evaluation. Meeting opened at 7:56pm. Motion by Price to approve evaluation decisions, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Cowart, seconded by Byers.
- F. Lion's gambling lease and license admendment – Bjorklund to sign gambling license since it hasn't been updated since Brigan retired. Mensing also mentioned that any illegal gambling cannot take place at the Muni or everyone is liable.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator