

Finlayson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 12, 2017

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday June 12, 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: John Mikrot, Natasha Watercott, Wyatt Lucht, Bev Mensing and Mark Hansen.

Additions or Corrections:

None

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Byers to approve minutes as from May 8, Regular council meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Reported everything working fairly smoothly with a clarifier needing repair, John Called Total Control and the problem fixed.

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month there was 11 calls 9 medical 1 grass fire 1 Mutual aid.

Chief Lucht informed Council Parker Benjamin resigned as a fire fighter as he is relocating to a new job. Wyatt also informed Council the Fire department will be doing training June 19, 2017, as a portion of the 12hour mandatory training for fire fighters, and the Finlayson Fire department will be hosting fire fighter I and Firefighter II training.

Lastly at Mutual aid fire departments had been brought aware of OSHA inspecting Gloves and Helmets which only have 3 year life. Wyatt will be reviewing the fire departments gloves and helmets and may have to buy new to be in compliance.

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: Updated Council on going blight issues:

Becker East of town will be proceeding due to timing.

Friel 20 days to comply is up Tuesday June 13, 2017.

Anthony proceeding with public posting.

Mcfarlan Court July 11, 2017 1:30 al will be attending as mark will be out of town.

Guss Porperty on City land, Guss claims to be having auction in fall.

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of the Liquor store activities stating that 24 Pack cans of Bud and Miller Products have been selling very well; with on sale tap beer seems to be going very well with over 2,000 serving last month.

Al informed Council that he attended Wellhead Protection Scoping II meeting with MN Department of Health and Mn Rural Water. Al suggested Council include in budgeting plans for the water is a back-up generator for water plant and possible security camera's. Al stated Mn Department of Health has grants available for these items up to \$10,000.00 a year and explained as one grant of \$10,000.00 is completed you are eligible for another.

Brigan also informed Council that the annual State Auditors report has been completed and submitted.

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

#### Old Business:

A. Blight Anthony: Court action has been initiated proceeding with public posting

B. Lions Bingo: Bev Mensing reported the Lions will begin Bar Bingo July 11, 2017 and 6:00 at the Liquor Store and proceed every other week.

A motion by Price to renew lease and to include bar bingo as part of the lawful gambling contract seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Althoff Nordquist: Carl Nordquist, of Althoff & Nordquist presented the cities Audited Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2016. Nordquist gave an overview of the city's financial position at this time. He stressed that the city has showed a small profit in the water fund and sewer fund although stated rates must still be raised to satisfy bond payments and to have monies in reserve for the future.

Carl also gave an in depth review of net pension plan benefit report which is now required to be included in the Cities Audit report. Althoff also pointed out the footnote in the management letter that larger than usual transfer from the liquor store.

B. Approval 2016 Audit; A motion by Luedtke to approve the 2016 Audit seconded by Price with all in favor and carried

C. Budget Committee: A motion by Cowart to appoint Byers and Luedtke to the Budget Committee seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

D. Resolution 2017-06: A motion by Byers accept resolution 2017-06 a resolution accepting a donation to the Finlayson Fire and Rescue with all in favor and carried seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

E. Employee incentive Program: A motion by Price to pay current active employees incentive pay in conjunction to the past formula used and profit showing in 2016 audit seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

F. 3.2 Malt Liquor License: A motion by Price to renew 3.2 Malt liquor licenses for the Finlayson Giese Lions Club Community Center for the year seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

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