

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2018

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, March 12, 2018 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Ed Melzark, Luke Gilpin, Natasha Watercott

Additions or Corrections:

Olsen dogs complaint and blight issue complaint on Henkel property on School Street.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes from February 20, 2018 regular council meeting seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht Wyatt reported January had 3 calls, 2 were rescue calls one was for mutual aid for a total of 8 man hours. Lucht, Price and Gilpin provide information to the fact that the fire department is in need of new fire fighter gear due to some of it being out of date as well as 3 new trainees soon to be passing their certification. The cost of the new gear needed is approximately \$12,000. A motion was made by Mayor Cowart to purchase the necessary equipment to keep our firefighters safe, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot reported that wet wells for the lift station had to be cleared due to a buildup of grease and roots. This unfortunately occurred on a weekend and was a cost of \$1,800. Mikrot discussed with the pump company as to options for preventing this issue in the future and placement of a screen or modifying the pipe or tank will be looked at. Maguire Iron confirmed that we are still on the schedule for cleaning of the water tower this spring.

Zoning and Planning: Ed Melzark has been appointed as the new Zoning Administrator per motion at the February Council meeting. Melzark will go to the Henkel property on School Street to review the blight issues addressed by a resident and report back at the next meeting. A meeting is to be scheduled in the near future for the committee to meet considering there are two new members.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave overview of the Liquor stating February 2018 was a \$9,000 improvement over February 2017 as well as a net income of \$5,000. Annual Alcohol Awareness training was given to the bar employees in February. March looks to be a busy month at the Muni with two nights of karaoke, St. Patty's Day and St. Urho's Day including a band. Several new items are being introduced in March as well as the use of the new mobile iPad station. The office space that was being rented at City Hall is now available. There

is a tenant that will be renting the other vacant space at the end of March. An ad will be placed in the Courier for rental of the vacant office space.

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

Old Business:

- A. Mobile bar/waitress station: The mobile iPad station is now in place and is working well as a secondary station in the bar with an additional till specifically during times when there are two or more bartenders working.
- B. Gravel for Front, Macarthur and Water streets are due in 2018. An ad will be placed in the Courier looking for bids for the graveling of Front, Macarthur and Water streets

New business:

- A. Lion's liquor license application has been approved via motion by Price, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- B. Olsen dogs near the like trail on the East end of town have been causing major issues for people driving and walking as they are becoming aggressive. Two letters have now been sent to the resident. If the issue is not handled by the end of March the Sheriff's office will be called to handle the matter.
- C. The six SCBA Fire equipment units used by the fire fighters are in need of recertification, repair or replacement. Lucht and Price will review for the next Council meeting in April the cost associated with each available option for the SCBA units.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator