

Finlayson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 8, 2021

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, March 8, 2021 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Joe Luedtke, Nadine Hedtke, Mike Drahosh and Jeremy Byers.

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, John Mikrot, Bill Morgan, Vickie Oetterer and Josh Martin.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drahosh to approve minutes from the February 8, 2021 regular council meeting, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that February had eight calls totaling 65 man hours. One call was for a gas explosion at the Deep Rock station, one for a carbon monoxide alarm, one mutual aid and five medical calls. Chief Lucht has scheduled the firefighter physicals with Med Compass for June. ISO inspection was completed last weekend.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot had MRWA in to review the tanks at the water plant. One quote was received for media replacement and Mikrot will get another quote to compare as well as a quote for just reconditioning the media. At some point this year a new air compressor for the tower will be needed.

Zoning and Planning: Dollar general has been approaching several individuals in town about purchasing land from them to bring a store to town. The majority consensus from the council is to not accept their permit when presented. This is largely due to the fact that it will hurt several hometown businesses.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating February 2021 had a net loss of \$6,800. March is looking better as sales are increasing which is requiring a potential hire of a part time bartender. Both the application for the grant and the appeal to the State were denied. However, after some research we are likely to qualify for the Paycheck Protection Program in the second round. Bjorklund is in the process of filling out the application to be submitted by March 31, 2021. We could get around \$40k and if spent as indicated in the application, it would be forgiven. The annual financial audit has been completed and will be presented at the April meeting. The Community Club is going to start the planning process for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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

Old business:

- A. The tractor used to remove snow has been having major issues with either not engaging when put into gear or engaging on its own and running into the garage wall. A local New Holland repair person has been in contact with Wyatt. Seems to be a solenoid that is bad. Wyatt will get Nicole the information on the part(s) to order and David Johnson (repair guy) will do the installation.
  
- B. Creamery building is in major disrepair. Within the next 3-5 years it will qualify as a historical building due to age. Additionally, the property is arrears with taxes meaning the owners have little regard for its condition. Motion by Drahosh to have Bjorklund send certified letter to owners indicating repair or proceed with legal action, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator