

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2022

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, March 14, 2022 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Russell Lucht, Erick Blaisdell, Bill Morgan.

Addition: D: City Truck
E: ECE Broadband support
F: City Maintenance Clothing

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drahosh to approve minutes from the February 14, 2022 regular council meeting, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that February had 5 total calls, one fire call, three medical calls, and one vehicle fire for a total of 37.5 man hours.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot attended annual training and obtained a rough estimate quote for a Vactor company for the lift station of \$600. A motion was made by Luedtke to approve the quote, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried. He also recommends we proceed with the three year agreement for MN pump maintenance, see new business B.

Zoning and Planning: See new business C.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating February 2022 had a net profit of \$3,700 with YTD profit at approximately \$13,000. Looking to hire two bartenders and two cleaners due to change in work status for several individuals. Bjorklund has discussed with Phase the possibility of hiring their services for cleaning however that option is less likely due to the timing of the cleaning and their availability.

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

Old business:

- A. Summit Fire Protection has quoted the hood modification in order to allow grease cooking in the kitchen in the future at \$3626.11. A motion was made by Luedtke to approve the quote and proceed with the modifications, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried. There is discussion of leasing the kitchen space out instead of staffing it and keeping the responsibility in house.

New business:

- A. Resolution 2022-03 involves redistricting and polling place designation. A motion to approve the resolution leaving the polling location as mail in voting was given by Byers, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- B. Mikrot obtained a quote for a three year service contract with MN Pump Works for the servicing of our lift station pump for \$517 per inspection. A motion to approve the quote was given by Hedtke, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- C. ECE has approached the City offering the City to purchase the land where the City piles the snow. ECE has no use for the land and is looking for a bid if we are interested in the land. A motion was made by Hedtke to offer \$200, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- D. Mayor Price is suggesting that we considering selling the current City maintenance truck as it is more than the City needs for the uses of the truck. Price suggests we look at buying a smaller, more suited truck for our needs and sell while the market is good. A motion was made by Byers to approve a budget of \$15,000 for a new truck, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- E. ECE and Pine County are looking for support for local governments for the expansion and upgrading of the Broadband in our area. A motion was made by Byers to send a letter to show support, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- F. Erick Blaisdell, maintenance personnel, is requesting City work apparel with the City logo and his name because most people do not know who he is. Most people who held this position in the past were locals and it was not an issue. The council agrees that we can purchase some work clothing for him.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator