

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2016

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday November 14, 2016, by Xavier Villarreal, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Jeremy Byers, Joe Luedtke, Ed Cowart and Tom Price.

Others present: Mark Hansen, John Mikrot, Parker Benjamin, Linda Philipps, Russ Anthony, Heather Anthony and Wyatt Lucht

Additions or Corrections:

C. Althoff & Nordquist

D. Blight Front Street Anthony

E. Meat Raffle

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes as from October 14, 2016, regular council seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Reported Hydrants have been flushed, clean gate valves and Jetted lines near water tower which seem to be slow. John also reported MN Pump had replaced the loaner pump with our pump that was repaired. Mikrot also stated he will start lowering the water tower level in a week or two.

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month there was 12 runs for 68.5 man hours which included a lost injured hunter rescue call in Aitkin County.

Chief Lucht also asked for Council approval to add Parker Benjamin to the active Fire Department Roster. A motion by Villarreal to accept Parker Benjamin to the active Fire Department Roster seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: mark updated council ongoing blight issues, as to their progress. Hanson also presented an Order from the Cities Attorney to proceed on blight issues and condemnation of the property on Front Street.

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of the Liquor store informing council of an incident at the liquor store. The bartender on duty did not make a incident report and security footage was not available as to the area the altercation took place. Brigan suggested a incident log be put place in which every shift make an entry of incidents even if there is no incidents on the shift. Brigan also reported Elections went very well with no conflicts.
Al Reported upcoming event Finlayson Giese Sportsman Gun Raffle.

Financial Reports:

A motion by Cowart to accept the financials and pay bills seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried

Old Business:

Fire Hall Building:

Brigan reported the contract between the City and Northern Contractors was signed as presented to the Council last month without change.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2016-08: Head Election Judge Linda Philipps Stated all votes received by each office voted on are correct as counted.

A Motion by Cowart to accept Resolution 2016-08 seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

B. Resolution 2016-09: A motion by Cowart to accept Resolution 2016-09 a resolution to certify unpaid services to the county seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

C. Althoff&Nordquist: A motion by Cowart to retain Althoff & Nordquist for the 2016 Audit For the amount of \$9,250.00 seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

D. Blight PID# 38.5017.000: Order for repair/ removal of hazardous building and /or property and nuisance or blight was read to the council, with Heather Anthony and Russell Anthony Present. A motion by Price to accept the order and proceed seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. After some discussion Villarreal asked Anthony if she had any comments, Anthony stated she would have to confer with her attorney and have the property appraised.

A copy of Order was signed by Anthony, signifying that she received a copy.

E. Lions Meat Raffle: It was brought to the attention of Council by Villarreal that an employee of the Finlayson Giese Lions has been and continues to be disrespectful and rude to patrons of the Liquor store during meat raffles.

After some discussion it was decided to confer with Lions President Ron Redding about the situation and to come up with a solution.

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

Allan Brigan City Clerk/ Administrator

