

Finlayson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
November 8, 2021

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Hedtke to approve minutes from the October 12, 2021 regular council meeting, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that since the last meeting we had 7 rescue calls and 2 fire calls totaling 42 man hours. The new truck was sent to Rosenbauer to have the heater installed and foam line valves moved. A donation of \$500 was received in memory of Lowell Pogatchnik as well as another \$50 donation. Tile for the fire hall bathroom was donated, Lucht looking to get quotes for installation. A quote was received for the stripping of the yellow lines outside of the fire hall for over \$15,000, council declines to approve quote.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: One Hydrant at Front and Lake is out of service and will need to repair next spring as well as others in town that are difficult to turn but not out of service as of yet. The media at the water tower will be charged this week. Price questions about I & I of the sewer lines after a conversation with the engineer. Mikrot to look into televising the sewer lines to determine if lining is needed and if so at what cost.

Zoning and Planning: none.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating October 2021 had a net profit of \$16,000 with our YTD profit at \$57,000. The new ice machine has been installed and it working great. The 2020 population came in with a reduction in population at 295. Pine County is going to be donating a park bench made from recycled plastic bags which will be placed in front of City Hall.

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

Old business:

- A. Sedillo property continues to be an issue due to changing of hands of property to renters and owners being unable to be located. Attorney is attempting to locate

original owner and contract owner to move forward with requiring clean up of the property and potential legal action.

New business:

- A. After discussing the need for a new oven, the council has decided that it is time to start moving forward with a full kitchen at the bar. An interested cook will be contacted and Bjorklund will start sourcing and pricing equipment with the goal of opening in April 2021 provided equipment is available by then.
- B. Resolution 2021-05 is to certify to county unpaid utility services of one property. A motion was made by Byers to approve the resolution, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- C. Bjorklund has been advised that there has been hunting and trespassing occurring at the sewer ponds. Blaisdell discovered that the no trespassing signed previously put up in 2017 had been taken down by someone and there were tire tracks for at least 3 different vehicles on the property. Blaisdell has volunteered the use of his trail cameras to try to catch the perpetrator. Comment was made about opening up for bids in the spring for farmers to bid on paying the City for haying the fields by the ponds.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator