

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2019

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, October 7, 2019 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Joe Luedtke, and Mike Drahosh with Jeremy Byers absent.

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, John Mikrot, Bill Morgan, Alanea White, Barb Morgan, and John Linden.

Additions or Corrections: Addition of Creamery, Water tower ditch and welder bids.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Drahosh to approve minutes from September 9, 2019 regular council meeting, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht indicated that September had six medical calls and one fire calls for a total of 49 man hours. Lucht informed the council that we have been awarded a 50/50 grant in the amount of \$2,478 from the MN DNR for hoses and necessary equipment. John Linden informed the council that we have also been awarded a \$1200 grant from Compeer Financial for purchasing ice rescue suits. Bjorklund will work with Linden to order to correct suits.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot informed the council that hydrant flushing has started and will be complete this week as well as jetting on sewer lines. The debris basket has been installed and is working great.

Zoning and Planning:

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating September 2019 was a breakeven month due to slightly lower sales this year compared to last and most of the Labor Day weekend falling in August. The new cooler isn't working as it should be and Mutt has been in contact with the manufacturer in order to get it repaired. Bjorklund indicated that a residence where shut off the water service was required due to non-payment was not able to be shut off due to the shut off valve not operational. Due to the cost and inconvenience of the fix required, council decided to wait until spring when there may be others that require fixing. After the last meeting where we discussed the AED for the bar, the Lions' Club donated \$500 and we received a \$300 grant towards a purchase of a new one. A motion was made by Drahosh to go ahead and purchase the AED for the bar using the donation and grant, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried. Bjorklund submitted the necessary application for the 50/50 grant for the hand pump at Shafer park and is waiting for a response.

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

Old Business:

- A. There has finally been an individual that has agreed to fill the open council seat, Nadine Hedtke. A vote was taken by all council members and all members present voted in agreement to accept Nadine Hedtke as new council member.
- B. Bjorklund advised the council that upon review of the Creamery property that the owners have not done as they indicated they would and no progress has been made on the cleanup of the property. Bjorklund will send a final notice to the owners.

New business:

- A. Joe Pelawa of Bolton and Menk was here to discuss with the council I&I currently there are no violations or issues that require repair or replacement. However back in 2013 and 2014 when the system was last televised there were some spots that were identified that should be watched. Because we don't have any issues and nothing is in immediate need of repair, Joe advises the council to keep it in mind and possibly do a televising of the system in the next 2-3 years.
- B. Due to Veterans' Day falling on our next regularly scheduled meeting day, the next council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- C. Mayor Price has indicated that Craig Skaff will be having some land clearing done by the water tower and that if it is approved that he would have his contractor clear out the ditch that runs behind the water tower. Price indicates that the ditch has not been cleared out since the 1980's and in clearing it we would likely reduce some of the high water tables in the area. A motion was made by Drahosh to clear the ditch, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- D. The City has an old welder on a trailer that was used to thaw frozen water lines in year passed. The City agreed last year that the thawing of residents water lines from the house to the shut off valve is their own expense therefore the welder is no longer of use and is a waste of space in the garage. A motion was made by Luedtke to put the welder up for bid in the paper, seconded by Drahosh 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