

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2017

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, September 11, 2017, by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: John Mikrot and Wyatt Lucht.

Additions or Corrections:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Byers to approve minutes from August 7, 2017 Regular council meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht Wyatt reported 14 calls in August 40.5 man hours 1 fire balance medical. The Council reviewed a fire and rescue handbook presented to the council for approval. A motion by Price to approve the Fire and Rescue handbook and to distribute it too volunteers seconded by Byers with all in and carried.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: John reported Hydrants are scheduled to be flushed week of Oct. 2nd, the sewer jetting has been completed and the annual well inspection is to be done soon. Mikrot also stated Willow River is to have water tower painted and will have a bid for the City of Finlayson done at the same time, this will give an idea for a future budget.

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: absent

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of the Liquor stating August was another very good month for the Municipal and moved into the Labor Day weekend with a very good holiday sales. The staff worked very hard with off sale being huge..

Brigan also reported a new plow truck was purchased a 2003 Sterling, with six way blade; budget set by council was \$50,000.00 purchase price was \$29,650.00.

After a discussion on the old plow truck, a motion was made by Byers to place the old plow truck as excess equipment and accept the highest bid seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Brigan reported Mutt and Wyatt finished exercising all the water shutoff valves finding a couple in need of repairs, Rabe has been contacted to repair all in need of work.

Al reported the repair of the Fire Truck came in under budget, bid was \$4,999.00 actual; cost came in at approximately \$3,200.00

Brigan reported Beaver problem east of town 6 have been trapped although there is a large damn near Ben Wieners home that need be removed but may be impossible until freeze.

A motion by Price to accept August financial and pay bills seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Old Business:

A. Blight Anthony: Council was informed of court action September 27, 2017, 1:30

B. Council Vacancy: After some discussion it was decided not to take any action at this time on the Council Vacancy and to put all inattention to filling Clerk/ Administrators' position.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2017-08: A motion by Price to accept Resolution 2017-08 and to accept proposed 2018 tax levy.

B. October meeting: Because of the Columbus Day Holiday it was decided to change the meeting date to Tuesday October 10, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

C. After some discussion it was decided that the full council will interview candidates for Clerk Administrator position.

D. Dan Oja: Oja presented to the council an option of offering Aflac insurance to employees at no cost to the City and asked the council that they be allowed to have payroll deduction, there would need to be 3 people to have a payroll deduction.

A motion by Price to allow Aflac to present option to the employees and allow a payroll deduction seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

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

Mayor Cowart called a closed session of the council to review proposed employee applications for the City Clerk Administrators position. After review of the Job applications, the Council agreed on interviewing 6 applicants on Thursday, September 14, 2017, starting at 4:00 pm.

A motion by Price to adjourn seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Allan Brigan, City Clerk Administrator