

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2018

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, September 17, 2018 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 5:30 PM.

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

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Mike Drahosh, Josh Martin, Russell Lucht

Additions or Corrections:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Luedtke to approve minutes from August 6, 2018 regular council meeting, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported August had 10 calls, eight of them were medical calls, one was a fire call and one was a vehicle accident for a total of 39 man hours. The fire dept is seeking approval to purchase two storage/shipping containers for placement at the water tower for storage of fire dept off season equipment. There are two containers available for \$750 from the DNR. Motion made by Byers to purchase the two containers, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried. Keith Pitreski has been accepted as a new firefighter. The State Fire Marshall held a meeting with Lucht indicating that the glove life span should be 10 years instead of 3 years as previously thought just like the rest of the fire fighter equipment. Training sessions are being set up with Pine Technical College for the new members of the fire dept.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot reported that he met with Midwest Testing to test the water meter at the water tower and it is working properly as well as other commercial water meters. The school meter is in need to refurbishment or replacement as it is reading slow compared to what it should be. The cost to repair is \$750. Luedtke made a motion to approve the repair of the water meter at the school, seconded by Byers with all in favor and a carried

Zoning and Planning: A building permit application was submitted by Rick Palmer for an addition of a deck to his house. A motion was made by Luedtke to approve the building permit application, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. Bjorklund indicated that the property just east of Cty Rd 144 where the residents appear to be living between the house and the camper is in need to attention due to blight issues. Cowart indicated he would review the property.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating August 2018 had an increase in sales of nearly \$9,000 over the prior year but had an income loss of nearly \$8,000 for the month which was less of a loss than the prior year of nearly \$12,000. One new bartender has been hired and we are hoping to hire another back-up bartender.

Two individuals are going to be interviewing for a replacement cleaning person. Genesis internet will install antennas on the water tower this week or the following week, depending on weather.

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

Old Business:

- A. Proposed payment of speaker replacement by Lion's: Motion made by Byers to approve partial payment of \$709.69 for speaker for the outdoor PA system that were installed spring 2018, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

New business:

- A. Proposed 2019 budget/levy indicates an increase of \$2000 for the general fund.
- B. Resolution 2018-05 presented to approve the proposed 2019 Levy with a motion by Byers to approve, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- C. Building permit application from Rick Palmer approved by motion from Luedtke, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.
- D. Proposed water and sewer rates will continue to be discussed during the budget committee meeting for 2019.
- E. ECE has approached the city for a bid to plow their lots. However, the city has declined to bid this as ECE requires that it be done before 6:00AM and the city street are a higher priority for the city instead of the ECE lots.
- F. October City Council meeting date change due to October 8th being a recognized holiday. Tuesday, October 9th at 5:30PM will be the October council meeting.
- G. Bjorklund proposed during the August meeting that the liquor store was in need of another freezer with the increase in the amount of appetizers and pizzas being sold and needing to be in stock. Motion made by Byers to approve the purchase of an additional single door freezer, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator