

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
September 12, 2016

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, September 12, 2016, by Xavier Villarreal, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: Bill Morgan, Barb Morgan, Mark Hansen and Wyatt Lucht.

Additions or Corrections:

C. October Meeting

D. Blight

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes as from August 8, 2016, regular council and August 18, special meeting seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: mark updated council ongoing blight issues, as to their progress. A motion by Villarreal to pursue the condemnation of the Anthony property do to safety and health hazards seconded by Cowart with all in favor.

Additional blight issued had been discussed and it was decided that the Zoning Administrator should pursue the McFarland property blight issue and other exterior issues be addressed when the October 1, 2016, deadline passes.

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month there was 5 runs 4 medical and 1 Co2 defect. Chief Lucht also reported that the Finlayson fire and Rescue has received a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 For Minnesota Energy to be used for safety equipment.

Wyatt also stated he was informed at the County mutual aid meeting the 800 radio will be outdated somewhere from 2017 to 2018. The County is working on possible grant program through the state.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: absent

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of the Liquor store stating the Labor day holiday was very busy with lines outside to purchase off sale, Brigan also stated the bar staff did a very nice job over the holiday. Al reported several equipment issues over the holiday weekend.

Al also reported that he meet with MDH and MN Water to begin preparing the next phase of the Cities wellhead protection plan.

Financial Reports:

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

Old Business:

Fire Hall Building:

Mayor Villarreal opened the Public hearing at 6:52 PM on the Capitol Improvement Plan for the Finlayson Fire Hall and Liquor Store. Villarreal asked for any comments or concerns, as there was no comments or concerns Villarreal suggested to move forward.

Brigan stated the Opinion Letter from Hofstad was included in the Council packet for reference on the build to buy purchase.

Brigan informed the council that Northview Bank suggested the City add additional \$100,000.00 to the down payment. Al suggested the City should use the additional monies from the General Savings as the Liquor store monies could be transferred in to the General fund if need be but General fund cannot transfer into the Liquor Fund. After some discussion A motion by Price to allocate an additional \$100,000.00 from general Savings for the building seconded by Cowart with all in favor and carried. The total allocations will be \$300,000.00 from liquor store savings and \$200,000.00 from general savings.

Brigan reviewed the Go Bonds of \$363,000.00 that will be issued 30 to 60 day prior to closing and at which time the city will be taking possession.

A motion by Cowart to accept Resoluton 2016-06 a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$363,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2016A seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Brigan reviewed the revenue bonds of \$200,000.00 which will be issued for the Liquor store Portion of the project.

A motion by Cowart to accept Resolution 2016-07 a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF A \$200,000 LIQUOR STORE NET REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2016B, OF THE CITY OF FINLAYSON, MINNESOTA , Seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

A motion by Villarreal to close the Public hearing at 7:09 PM seconded by Cowart with all in favor and carried

B. Wage Policy:

After some discussion a motion by Cowart to accept the 2016 wage policy and to compensate non minimum wage employees \$1.43 retroactive to August 1, 2016, seconded by price with all in favor and carried with Luedtke abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2017 Proposed Budget:

After some discussion Brigán explained transfer from liquor store to general fund numbers will need to be changed on the worksheets do to the fact that the financing was not done when the proposed budget was prepared. This will not have any effect on the proposed levy.

A Motion by to accept proposed budget and resolution 2016-05 2017 proposed Levy seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

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