

Finlayson City Council - Regular Meeting  
Finlayson City Hall  
September 25, 2023 @ 6:30pm

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, September 25, 2023 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council Members present:** Nadine Hedtke, Barb Morgan, and Russell Lucht

**Council Members absent:** none

**Others present:** John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Hayley Erickson, Erick Blaisdell, Bill Morgan, Vickie Oetterer, Tom Ternes, Dave Schaefer, Craig Skaff, PCSO Sheriff Nelson

**Additions:**

**L. Drahosh council resignation**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Liquor License request** - to be added to “New Business: C. FGL Temporary Liquor License

**Compliments and Complaints:**

Compliments for the bartending staff at the Muni.

Complaint about resident’s son driving through town on 4-wheeler at high rate of speed.

Complaint of bar employees parking outside businesses during daytime hours. Should be parking in parking lots as to not hinder local business access.

Complaint about fire department speeding. See “New Business: A.”

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Hedtke to approve minutes from the August 14, 2023 regular council meeting second by Morgan with all in favor and carried.

**Reports:**

**John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator:** Mikrot advised he finished jetting, found and cleared roots by Morgan residence, cleaned gate valves, and fire hydrants are fixed which ran approximately \$600.00 to repair. Requesting an extension piece, he says runs about \$1,100.00.

**Wyatt Lucht (Fire Chief) Fire Department:**

Since the last city council meeting, there have been 12 calls; 11 of which were medical and 1 standby for a total of 100 man hours ~~year-to-date~~. Fire department has obtained a burning permit with DNR for up to 5 years. This is for trees, brush, lawn clippings out at city dump. Lucht W working on grant from DNR for new brush coats, hoods, hose and nozzle. Once all is signed by all parties necessary can start to purchase items.

**ADDENDUM :** 100 man hours since “last council meeting”.

**Planning & Zoning:** Building permits for three structures on Broadway for Northern Contractors were approved, motioned by Hedtke and seconded by Lucht R with all in favor and carried. A building permit was also approved for storage facility in the RC district for Splitrock

Storage. All storage containers need their own permit pulled as they are different structures so five separate building permits are to be completed. Motion by Morgan to approve. Second by Hedtke. All in favor motion carried. Permit application for shed being moved on Norton property is pending approval with payment of permit fee.

***Dawn Tasler, Deputy Clerk:***

Tasler reports the liquor store had a net income of \$11,170.97 for the month of August. Since last meeting Hillock fence was installed. DSE waterline has been repaired and no curb repair is needed, however, paving should be done around that area in the near future. Tasler has started working on the 2024 fire contracts and the annual township meeting will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> at the fire hall. Water heater has been installed at post office. Waiting on quotes for city furnace.

***Hayley Erickson, Lead Bartenders:*** Nothing to report

Motion made by Hedtke to accept August financials and pay bills, seconded by Lucht, with all in favor and carried.

**Old business:**

**A: Drainage & Utility Easement:** A property owner at the end of School Street would like an easement drawn up between himself and the City of Finlayson. Motion to deny request by Hedtke, second by Lucht R, all in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Planning and Zoning Committee:** No letters of interest were received after the last advertisement to form a committee. Clerks to advertise in paper again as well as post on website and Facebook page in hopes of residents joining.

**New business:**

**A: Pine County Sheriff Jeff Nelson:** Complaint about firefighters et al speeding into town on way to firehall and while responding to fire calls in fire trucks. Sheriff Nelson here to address. Lucht W will address with firefighters. Sheriff Nelson offers to attend next fire dept meeting as this is a common issue in other local cities also.

**B: Resident Dave Schaefer:** inquired about a new machine at DSE using water at 1 gallon per minute if that would interfere with city water system. Decided with information on hand it would not and he is able to move forward with his discovery of more information.

**C: Finlayson Giese Lions Club:** Requesting two temporary liquor licenses. One for Hunters Feed November 3, 2023. Second for Santa Days December 3, 2023. Motion to approve by Morgan, Second by Hedtke, all approved. Motion carried.

**D: Resolution 2023-08:** Women of Peace \$200.00 donation to Fire Department. Motion by Lucht R to accept, second by Hedtke. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E: First Responder Defibrillator Training Opportunity:** The Muni and City Hall have numerous interested individuals and will move forward scheduling the training.

**F: Pipeline Safety:** Did not discuss per Mayor as this is informational only.

**G: 2024 Levy Certification & Budget Info/2024 Proposed Budget:** Tasler brought forth information and figures for the 2024 Budget.

**ADDENDUM: “Proposed”** Levy Certification & Budget Info/2024 Proposed Budget.

**H: Resolution 2023-09 Proposed Levy:** Motion by Lucht R to approve, Second by Hedtke. All in favor. Motion carried.

**I: October Council Meeting:** Due to a federal holiday, the meeting to be moved from October 9 to October 10 at 6:30 PM. Motion by Hedtke to accept, Second by Lucht R. All in favor. Motion carried.

**J: Earned Safe and Sick Time 2024:** ESST is a new law that will require PTO to be disbursed to all City employees once certain parameters are met. Possibly needs more discussion to include in 2024 budget.

**K: City Dump Policy:** Residents concerned not being aware of city dump policy. Decided that no specific hours, residents only (both rural and city proper), no trash. Will be added to city website and put out on Facebook.

**L. Drahosh council resignation:** Motion to accept letter of resignation by Hedtke, second by Morgan, all in favor. Motion carried.

Hedtke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Morgan second, with all in favor and carried. Meeting adjourned 8:08.

Shelly Goodman  
City Clerk