

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2018

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, April 9, 2018 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Ed Melzark, Luke Gilpin, Mike Drahosh, Russell Lucht, Natasha Watercott, Josette Koets, Josh Faulkner, Tim Malone,

Additions or Corrections:

G. Free Library

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes from March 12, 2018 regular council meeting seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported March had 10 calls, all except one were medical calls, the other was a vehicle accident for a total of 31.5 man hours. Lucht indicated that new firefighter gear for the 3 new people is in the works. We have one new fully certified fire fighter.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot indicated that the flushing of the hydrant that should take place late April will be delayed due to weather. Mikrot is researching what maintenance is needed on the lift stations to avoid further issues. The service contract between the City of Finlayson and John Mikrot will expire in June 2018. Mikrot has provided a new contract. Motion by Price to accept the new contract with an increase of \$50 per month compared to the old contract, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Zoning and Planning: Ed Melzark indicated that a Zoning and Planning Committee meeting was held on April 4, 2018. A new ordinance for right of way for utility antennae has been started. Once a draft has been completed, it will be sent to LMC for review. Letter was sent to Henkel to have property cleaned up within 6 months.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave overview of the Liquor stating March 2018 was a \$10,000 improvement over March 2017 as well as a net income of \$6,500 for the month. March was a busy month with St. Urho's Day, the band Lyon and The Ladies as well as the Hunter's Grille mobile food truck. As a thank you to the City for having the food truck, the owners' donated \$50 to the Fire Dept. April 19 at 3pm at the Rutledge Community Center will be the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for residents to dispute their property tax valuation. Hydrant flushing is scheduled to take place April 16-18 but will be weather dependant.

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

Old Business:

- A. 2 Bids for gravel for Front, Macarthur and Water streets were received. A motion was made by Price to award the work to MPJ Enterprises for \$27,562.50, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. The other bid received was \$210 more expensive.
- B. Nuisance dogs: Olsen dogs are still causing issues, even after sending two letters and phone contact by Mayor Cowart. Cowart to reengage contact with Olsen. Zieglers dog and pigs have also been an issue. Letter was sent certified and signed for by child. Letters to be resent and signed for by adult.
- C. Fire equipment: 2 quotes have been obtained as current units are obsolete. Discussion tabled until May to allow for additional information in order to determine warranty period.

New business:

- A. Genesis Wireless was present at the council meeting to present information regarding bringing wireless internet to Finlayson. Information was presented including speed of service, prices and coverage area. As a pay back from allowing the antennas to be placed on the water tower, the city government would receive internet free of charge. Decision to be made at May council meeting.
- B. Finlayson United Methodist Church is requesting use of the fire hall during July 4 celebration to serve ice cream. Fire Dept is in agreement with the use.
- C. Telephone service switch – Bjorklund did some research into switching phone service from Frontier to SCI. There would be a savings of nearly \$2,000 per year for switch 3 lines to SCI, one line currently in use for the alarm system will switch to a cell unit and the water tower line would remain Frontier due to it being hooked up to an alarm computer. Information presented to the council showed the upfront cost and the return on investment. Motion by Cowart, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried for the switch to take place.
- D. Road repairs are needed for several culverts on Front St. and Lake Ave. as well as patch work by the old bank. Bjorklund will place an ad in the paper for a contractors meeting for bids. Due to the complexity of the work required, an ad for bids would be too wordy.
- E. Liquor store patio fence will need to be reviewed and designed. Cowart to meet with Skaff to review considering he was the one to build the original patio fence. Tabled until May.
- F. Ordinance responsibilities for the city will be communicated between Melzark and Bjorklund.
- G. Josette Koets advised the council that a Free Library for the community use will be located outside of the United Methodist Church.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator