

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2022

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, April 11, 2022 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Nadine Hedtke, Mike Drahosh, Jeremy Byers, and Joe Luedtke.

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Russell Lucht, Erick Blaisdell, Bill Morgan, John Linden, Bonnie Linden

Addition: C: Resolution 2022-04
D: Class V bid selection
E: Chicken in City limits

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Hedtke to approve minutes from the March 14, 2022 regular council meeting, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that March had 6 total calls, one vehicle rescue, and five medical calls for a total of 36 man hours. Applicant Chuck Dodge has rescinded his request to join the rescue department after much back and forth discussion with the department. A motion by Drahosh to deny the application was seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried. Bonnie Linden has applied to the rescue department, motion by Drahosh to accept, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried. Luke Gilpin is being welcomed back to the department. The MS150 will be June 11, 2022 and the rescue department will be on site for assistance. The annual Med Compass physicals will take place July 7, 2022. A 50/50 grant through the DNR has been applied to for \$6414. If granted, we will be responsible for half.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot indicates that he is bringing the water tower back to summer levels. The platforms needed to work on the failing furnaces in the tower have been installed by Northern Contractors. The repair guy will be in Wednesday to work on the units. Hydrants will be flushed between April 24-30.

Zoning and Planning: See new business A & B.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating March 2022 had a net loss of \$2,800 with YTD profit at approximately \$10,000. The annual audit is finished and awaiting the final report, review will be done at May meeting. Bjorklund indicated ads will be placed in the papers for the sewer pond mowing, land leasing for hay at the ponds and excess equipment bids for the 1999 Dodge Truck. Council indicates a minimum bid of \$6,500 for the truck. Council would like the agreement for land leasing to be 5 years since it takes investment for someone to do the haying and it wouldn't be fair to bid it out

each year. The Community Club has advised that they will hold a meeting on Monday, April 25th to discuss the future of the 4th of July celebration because with the current number of members it is not possible to coordinate the event.

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

Old business:

- A. With the approval of the Council at the last meeting to spend up to \$15,000 on a new City truck, we bid on a new 2014 FORD F-150 from MN DOT and won the auction with a final bid of \$14,350.
- B. Following the March Council meeting, Bjorklund discussed with Mark Nelson at ECE the purchase price of \$200 for PID 385046000. ECE accepted the \$200 bid for the land in exchange for the City paying for the closing costs and all legal paperwork and fees. A motion was made to accept the counter offer by Luedtke, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

New business:

- A. Northern Contractors has applied for a building permit to build a house on PID 380024001. Approved by motion from Luedtke, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- B. Robert Guss has applied for a building permit to build a garage on PID 38506700. Approved by motion from Luedtke, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.
- C. Resolution 2022-04 relates to the ARPA funds and electing the standard revenue loss provision of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. A motion was made by Drahosh to accept and process the loss in the standard method, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- D. Several of the gravel roads in the city limits are due for new class V gravel this year including Dixon Line, Sherman Road and Pine Lake Road. Bids were received from 3 companies with Rocon being the lowest bid at \$35,625. A motion was made by Byers to award the project to Rocon Paving, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- E. Mayor Price has been approached by some residents about allowing chickens in the city limits (city proper) on lots. Current ordinance does not allow chickens. Due to the smell, noise, possible number of complaints, a vote was taken on allowing chickens and it was denied with three votes for no and two votes for yes.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator