

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2018

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, December 10, 2018 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, Mike Drahosh, Russ Lucht, Bill Morgan, Alanea White, John Mikrot

Additions or Corrections: G. Resolution 2018-13 Polling Location

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Luedtke to approve minutes from November 15, 2018 regular council meeting, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that November had five medical calls and one mutual aid fire call accounting for 19.5 man hours. New gear purchased has been received and is in service. Hi-viz vests are now mandatory for fire and rescue personnel, which will be ordered this week. There is a Township Fire Contract meeting January 10th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot reported that the media for the water treatment has been recharged and the water tower is now at winter levels. Should there be any massive amounts water required for large fires, Mikrot must be notified immediately.

Zoning and Planning: We are in need of a Zoning Administrator. Notice has been posted and sent out to residents.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating November 2018 had an increase in sales of nearly \$11,000 over the prior year and a net income of over \$13,000 for the month. The new TV's have been installed. Included in the December water bills was notice of an increase to the water and sewer rates. It has been 3 years since the last increase on water base rates, the other rates have not been increased in 6 years. The state mandates that we are able to cover our costs and the increases are necessary therefore the increase was necessary. Also included was a brochure on how to protect our water supply and information on the WHP. Bjorklund also questioned if City Hall could close or at least close early on Christmas day and council indicated either would be fine as business would be very slow. Inventory will be counted on New Years' Day.

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

Old Business:

- A. Proposed purchase of the City property where the culverts are located, adjacent to S&R Reinforcing, Inc property, shall be researched further by Nicole Bjorklund. Splitting of the land is up to the Zoning Ordinance. Upon further discussion the council indicated they would like to keep the land but would grant S&R Reinforcing to put up a gate and store their equipment on the property so long as we are given a key to access the property and that they follow our blight ordinance and keep the property clean.

New business:

- A. Liquor License application for 1 day event for Finlayson-Giese Lions for St. Urho's day, motion by Price to approve, seconded by Byers, with all in favor and carried.
- B. Resolution 2018-11 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Pine County approved by motion from Price, seconded by Byers, with all in favor and carried.
- C. Resolution 2018-12 Final Tax Levy approved by motion from Byers, seconded by Luedtke, with all in favor and carried.
- D. Althoff and Nordquist 2019 contract, included price increase of 10%, approved with motion from Price, seconded by Luedtke, with all in favor and carried.
- E. Ledin and Hofstad attorney 2019 contract, no price increase, approved with motion from Price, seconded by Byers, with all in favor and carried.
- F. 2019 Budgets, wage increase of 3%, water/sewer rate increase – approved with motion by Price, seconded by Luedtke, with all in favor and carried.
- G. Resolution 2018-13 Polling location designation, approved with motion by Byers, seconded by Price, with all in favor and carried.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator