

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2020

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, February 10, 2020 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Barb Morgan, Vickie Oetterer, Ethan Bjorklund, Russ Lucht, Josh Martin, John Linden, Joe Pelawa and Oliver Dykstra.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drahosh to approve minutes from the January 13, 2020 regular council meeting, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Additions: E: Bolton & Menk Engineering contract
F: Liquor Store flooring

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that January had eight medical calls and two fire calls, for a total of 97 man hours. Though previously approved last year, the Fire Dept is again seeking approval for the purchase of jackets, which was not done last year. The council indicated that because it was already approved, there is no need for further approval and the purchase of jackets should move forward.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: The MN Dept of Health conducted an inspection of our water/sewer system last week and found only a couple minor updates that were needed, none of which had any impact on the public safety or water/sewer systems directly. The formal report will be issued soon. The lift station pump that was out of service was repaired and replaced. However, it once again failed but the repair of the failure is covered because it was an incomplete repair issue. Mikrot is checking with the pump company to verify that if we purchase a new pump as a back up and place it on the shelf until needed, if they will warranty it for a certain period of time upon installation. A decision to purchase a new pump is on hold until the next meeting.

Zoning and Planning: No issues to discuss at this time.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating January 2020 had a net loss of approximately \$1,300, which is an improvement from January 2019 which had a net loss of \$2,000. The sale of electronic pull tabs started on February 3rd and has been doing well thus far with just over \$6,000 in receipts and just over \$500 in profit after winnings. The 2019 financial audit with Althoff and Nordquist is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 13th.

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

Old Business:

- A. Seven Oaks Lane: The city will not proceed with any further actions on this project unless the required 8 registered voters from Seven Oaks Lane have signed and submitted a petition to the city requesting the City to take over the road and make it a public road. The residents and the City have to follow specific guidelines on the process IF the City accepts the petition and decides to proceed with the project. Joe Pelawa from Bolton & Menk advised that even if the residents petition for the road to become a public road, that the City is not required to proceed. The City Council was presented with an estimate from Bolton & Menk on what the cost could be to proceed with this project and it was approximately \$100,000 just to bring the road up to standard and the soft costs associated with that. Following that, then the City would be responsible for maintaining the road. This road is approximately 1600 linear feet.

New business:

- A. Bi-annual maintenance of the furnaces in City Hall and the Post Office was completed last month. The service contractor indicated that a new blower motor is needed for the City Hall unit and a new drain pan and cleaning of the coil is needed for the Post Office unit. Based on the high cost of the quote received from the contractor, the City Council has requested that Bjorklund obtain additional quotes. The contractor also indicated that the entire furnace units will need to be replaced soon as they are nearly 30 years old. Bjorklund to also get quotes on new units. Decision on repairs and new units tabled until next meeting.
- B. Roth Construction has submitted an application for a conditional use permit for crushing of asphalt at the gravel pit located near the intersection of Dixon Line and Scotch Pine Road. In order to proceed, a public hearing is required. The Council agreed to hold the public hearing prior to the next regular meeting. The public hearing will be on March 9th at 6:15pm. Notice will be published in the Pine County Courier and at City Hall.
- C. Council has previously approved the purchase of Fire Dept jackets, no further action required by council.
- D. Bjorklund indicated that during training provided by the County Auditor, they were informed that the State would be reimbursing all costs related to the Presidential Primary.
- E. Bolton & Menk presented the annual contract for engineering services. A motion was made by Hedtke to accept the contract and seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

- F. Bjorklund informed the Council that a quote has been received from the original flooring contractor for the liquor store due to the flooring not holding up as well as originally thought considering it is only 3 years old. Bjorklund to contact other flooring contractors to find a better solution that will hold up longer.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator