

Finlayson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 8, 2021

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, February 8, 2021 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, John Mikrot, Bill Morgan and Josh Martin.

Complaints/questions: Luedtke indicated he had been asked by some bingo players why the bar doesn't stay open passed 8pm because that is the same time bingo is done and they would like to stay for more. Bjorklund stated that the bartender was just advised that if there are patrons that wish to stay for another round that she is allowed to do that.

Additions:     B: Fire Relief bylaws approval  
                  C: Suggestion box at Muni

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Luedtke to approve minutes from the January 11, 2021 regular council meeting, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that January had seven medical calls totaling 31 man hours. Chief Lucht is working on scheduling the firefighter physicals with Med Compass for this summer.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot indicated that the lift station spare pump is available when needed.

Zoning and Planning: None.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating January 2021 had a net loss of \$500. February will not be a good month financially for the Muni due to the Bond and insurance payments due in February. Per MMBA, Bjorklund send an appeal to the MN Dept of Revenue regarding not receiving the COVID Relief. Additionally, Bjorklund applied for a grant from Pine County through Initiative Foundation for \$15,000 that counties are supposed to award to local bars and restaurants, including municipals. Thanks to Tom, the freezer is now up and running

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

New business:

- A. The City is required to submit a pay equity report to the state every three years. The report indicates that number of employees and high and low wages paid. A motion was made by Drahosh to approve the pay equity report as required by the state, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
  
- B. With the Fire Relief being transferred to PERA to manage, they have requested a copy of the Fire Relief Bylaws which had to be updated to incorporate the change in management. A motion was made by Hedtke to approve the update, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
  
- C. Mayor Price has received several concerns from patrons at the bar about bartenders and is requesting a suggestion box be put in the bar for customers to offer suggestions and report complaints. Customer will be requested to supply as much information, including their name, in order for any possible action to be addressed.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator