

Finlayson City Council - Regular Meeting
Finlayson City Hall
July 8, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, July 8, 2024 by Dave Auchter, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Barb Morgan, Kim Schaefer, Russell Lucht, Joe Okun

Council Members absent: none

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Shelly Goodman, Dawn Tasler, Joe Luedtke, Bruce Pogatchnik, Randy Millner, Kevin Stibbe

2. Additions or Corrections: none

3. Compliments and Complaints:

Resident advised of speeding down alley between Petry's and Post Office. Speed bumps have been placed as well as cones.

4. Public Comments: none

5. Approval of Minutes and May Financials:

A. A motion was made by Schaefer to approve June 10th minutes. Second by Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Schaefer to approve June bills. Second by Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Reports:

A. John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot presented quote by MN Pump Works to repair our back up pump (Aurora Pump Model 382A-BF, SN 01-266321). Quote came in at \$1677.00. Okun motion to approve the spending for the repair of \$1677.00 so we can always have a back up pump in case of emergency. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried. Mikrot is looking into variable feed drive quotes and will bring numbers to August meeting. Mikrot contract is up and he is requesting a 5% increase. Goodman to work on contract and present back to council at August meeting.

B. Randy Millner, Public Works: No equipment issues. Resident told Millner that the mowing/weed control in ditch between 6533 School St and 6539 School Street is against DNR regulations. Mayor Auchter to speak with resident to get more information.

C. Joe Luedtke, Bar Manager: Luedtke gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating May 2024 had a net gain of \$5675.99. Kitchen Lead has been hired and is working on menu items now and learning the ordering process. Luedtke would like new lead to have his food ServSafe Certification. New short order cook has been let go so

Luedtke is needing to backfill position. Goodman to post employment opportunity for part time short order cook on Facebook, City website, and printed at liquor Store.

D. Wyatt Lucht (Fire Chief) Fire Department:

Reporting there were 14 calls this past month; 13 medicals and 1 fire. June had 79 resource hours. The 4th of July pancake breakfast served 373 people. Boot donations were \$2183.00. Fire Contracts were brought up and are currently being prepared.

E. Shelly Goodman, City Clerk: Northview Bank is offering a 5.09% 9 month CD inquiring if the council is interested in investing. Okun motion to approve a \$330,000.00 investment into a 9 month CD with Northview Bank at 5.09%. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Planning and Zoning: Planning and Zoning meeting was postponed until after council meeting. One building permit was requested for 6488 Scotch Pine Road. Morgan motion to approve building permit contingent on Planning and Zoning approving. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Morgan motion to approve Planning Commission and Structure Procedures as presented. Okun second. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- A.*** Fire Contracts – Fire contracts are in process of being prepared.
- B.*** Banning Junction Sewer District rate adjustments - Okun motion to approve a 10% increase starting in January 2025 with the new rate being \$0.00406 per hundred gallons. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C.*** Ordinance 155 Scheduled fees - Morgan motion to approve the updated fee schedule (Ordinance 155) and to get published. Lucht second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- D.*** Speed limit feedback signs for edge of town - Tabled.
- E.*** Adopt Job descriptions City Clerk/Deputy Clerk – Tabled.
- F.*** Drainage ditch easements in areas of Water Ave, Broadway and School. More research needed to confirm how best to move forward - Tabled.
- G.*** Northern Contractors WAC/SAC. More research needed - Tabled.
- H.*** Shafer Memorial Park - Tabled

8. New Business:

A: Oberloh & Oberloh Audit findings; Schaefer motion to accept and approve the audit findings for 2023. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

B: Resolution No 2024-11 Resolution supporting the request for state bonding for infrastructure; Schaefer motion to approve. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

C: Resolution No 2024-12 Donation for Fire Department; Morgan motion to approve \$600.00 donation for fire department. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

D: Resolution No 2024-13 Donation for 4th of July Fireworks; Morgan motion to approve \$3000.00 donation for the 4th of July fireworks. Lucht second. All in favor. Motion carried.

E: Resolution No 2024-14 Blandin Foundation Grant; Morgan motion to accept \$20,000.00 grant for the city's Comprehensive Plan. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

F: Finlayson-Giese Lions Club liquor license request for October 26 event; Schaefer motion to approve liquor license requests. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

G: COLA for employees and percentage; Schaefer motion to approve a \$1.00/hour raise for bartenders starting on 7/21/24. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

H: Annual Review for City Clerk/Shelly Goodman in August; This will be a closed meeting. No action taken.

I: Planning and Zoning Member Learn online access; Morgan motion to approve the \$15.00 online access for all members of Planning and Zoning if they wish to enroll. Auchter second. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schaefer to adjourn at 9:02pm. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shelly Goodman, City Clerk