

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2019

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, June 10, 2019 by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, John Mikrot, Bill Morgan, Alanea White, Barb Morgan, and Vickie Oetterer

Additions or Corrections:

D: Notices not being received by all city residents

Compliant of Ziegler children running in the streets at all hours of the night and mischievous behavior including being caught trying to open the liquor store doors in the middle of the night.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes from May 13, 2019 regular council meeting, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht indicated that May had six medical calls and three fire calls for a total of 30.5 man hours. State Fire Marshall training was given related to carcinogens and health risks associated with fire fighting. The Fire Dept will host and participate in the annual Water Fight with other local fire departments. July 15th will be the annual mandatory fire department physicals conducted by Med Compass. The Fire Dept will hold a pancake breakfast on July 21st at the Community Center.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot reported that the leaks requiring repair had been taken care of, one of which was located by the contracted leak detection company. Mikrot also noted that the basket for debris that was discussed last year is still being sought but the contractor is slow to complete the design work required to get a quote

Zoning and Planning: Price advised the council that during a review of properties for blight concerns he noted that Potter's has a vehicle that is not currently licensed. Bjorklund will send a letter to the property owner advising them to get the vehicle licensed or removed.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating May 2019 had a net income of nearly \$13,000 for the month which is a 12% increase compared to May 2018. The 2018 financial audit report has not yet been received and will not be available for review by the council until after it is submitted to the state due to the report deadline of June 30 to the state. All leaks, sidewalk and pavement repairs have been completed. The previously requested items from the Community Club for the 4th of July have been ordered.

We are in need of two people to work at the Muni for the 4th to check ID's and put on wristbands.

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

Old Business:

- A. Resolution 2019-03 mail balloting: Current poll shows 15 in favor of mail-in ballots and 11 in favor in-person ballots. A notice was sent in the water bills (along with other water customer specific information) as a quick way to get a notice to the general population of Finlayson City residents. Vickie Oetterer addressed the council that a letter to water residents is not inclusive of all voting residents and another method should be considered. A list of all City residents can be obtained from the county for \$50 according to Oetterer. Barb Morgan indicated that there was a list at one time when she worked for the City. However, a list was not found by Bjorklund and that list would be extremely out of date if available. This item is again tabled.
- B. The leak study was conducted to determine if and where there are leaks contributing to the large difference between what is pumped from the water tower and what is invoiced based on meter readings.

New business:

- A. Jerry Pizzella completed a permit application for the 4th of July fireworks. Approval given via motion by Price, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.
- B. The Ziegler property to the west of town has been increasing in blight concerns. However, at the time of the meeting it appeared as though they were starting to clean it up. No action needed at this time.
- C. 2020 budget season is coming upon us soon and appointment of council members is needed. Jeremy Byers and Mike Drahosh both volunteered to be on the budget committee with no objection for the remaining members.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator