

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2016

The regular city council meeting was called to order Thursday, June 2, 2016, by Xavier Villarreal, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Barb Morgan, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Mark Hansen, Carl Nordquist and Brent Henry.

Additions or Corrections:

F. Grass

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Luedtke to approve minutes as from May 9, 2016, regular council meeting seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: Hansen reported on blight issue progress and state overall the City Looks good.

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month the Fire and Rescue had 9 calls 3 grass, 5 medical and 1 mutual aid accounting for 54.5 man hours.

Lucht explain SCBA tanks need be Hydro tested as all tanks are outdated a discussion on setting up a time schedule after all updates are caught up, so that all the expense does not come at one time. Wyatt also reminded MS 150 will be coming through June 11. Wyatt also gave update on grass rig from DNR, stating we will take possession when title has been completed.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: John reported it has been very quiet and things have been moving along smoothly. Mikrot stated the ponds have been lowered and will have Mutt remove some brush but no cat tails are present at this time.

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of last month liquor store operation stating last month Brigan also reported to council that he spoke with Bev Mensing of the Lions, stating that the Lions are under contract to have someone in the Pull tab booth and to have meat raffles, if they do not the contract has been broken and it must be renegotiated.

Financial Reports:

A motion by Cowart to accept the financials and pay bills seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Old Business:

A. Fire Hall Building:

Brigan reported Architect is working on scale blue print and exterior elevations. The only changes from the rough layout were the bathrooms needed to be 7" longer to meet state codes.

B. Althoff Nordquist:

Carl Nordquist, of Althoff & Nordquist presented the cities Audited Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2015. Nordquist gave an overview of the city's financial position at this time. He stressed that the city has showed a small profit in the water fund and sewer fund although stated rates must still be raised to satisfy bond payments and to have monies in reserve for the future.

Carl also gave an in depth review of net pension plan benefit report which is now required to be included in the Cities Audit report. Althoff also pointed out the footnote in the management letter that larger than usual transfer from the liquor store.

He also indicated that the city was in good financial shape. Nordquist also invited calls from council after council has a chance to review the audit further.

C. Approve 2015 Audit: A motion by Price to approve the 2015 Audit seconded by Byers with all in Favor and Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2016-03: A motion by Byers to approve Resolution 2016-03 a resolution to appoint election Judges seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

B. June 22 special meeting: A reminder of the township fire meeting at that it is being considered a special meeting as a quorum may be present for the City and townships.

C. Budget Committee: A motion by Villarreal to appoint Tom Price and Jeremy Byers to the Budget Committee seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

D. Employees wage salary and sick leave policy: Brigan suggested that the Budget committee review the policy as it has not been reviewed for several years.

E. Resolution 2016-04: A motion by Cowart to approve resolution 2016-04 a resolution to accept a donation from the Finlayson Giese Lions for Fireworks seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

F. Grass: Villarreal expressed concerns of grass along Front street north and south, stating he felt it was hard for the residence of the City to follow blight issue when the City doesn't mow their grass. Brigan replied that he has made arrangements with maintenance to use his brush mower to mow, however it is not the Cities property, the property belong to the DNR and to send a blight letter to the DNR probably would not go well.

Next meeting July 11, 2016

A motion to adjourn by Byers seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried

Allan Brigan, City Clerk Administrator.