

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, May 10, 2021 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drahosh to approve minutes from the April 12, 2021 regular council meeting, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried. A motion was made by Hedtke to approve minutes from the April 12, 2021 public hearing, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that April had 9 calls totaling 48 man hours. Two fire calls, one canceled in route, one vehicle accident and six medical calls. Peace Lutheran church is requesting one bay in the fire hall for use during the 4th of July celebration. Chief Lucht advised the council that we should start the process soon for getting bids for a new pumper truck. The truck is 22 years old and once over 25 years old the insurance rates get higher because of the potential for break downs and unreliability of the equipment. Lead-time currently for pumpers is 18 – 36 months. It is estimated to cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000. Council asks about possibility to seek a newer used model from another department. Lucht also advised the grass rig is in need of new battery.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot states all is going well, not issues to report.

Zoning and Planning: None.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating April 2021 was a great month at \$15,000 profit. The Governor released some of the restrictions on the bar which is helping bring more people in. We are now at all of the bar stools back around the bar top. As of May 28th we will be able to return all the tables and chairs to the normal configuration. On or before July 1st we will be able to be free of the mask mandate. We ran an ad in the paper for bartender help and will likely hire one applicant this week. Cindy Rapp will be out due to medical complications with her husband and a benefit has been started on their behalf at the Northview Bank. We have trapped 6 beaver from City limits in the past month. The culvert on Dixon Line has been cleaned out and the new one has been put in place.

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

Old business:

New business:

- A. Dell Grove Township has approached the City regarding taking them on for fire coverage. Their board approved the change from Sandstone Fire to Finlayson Fire in their May 4, 2021 meeting. A motion to accept Dell Grove by Draosh, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried. The change will take effect as soon as the PCSO has processed the change in the coverage area.

- B. Resident Hilden on Gilly Rd. has requested that the road have new gravel applied. Bjorklund is looking into the rather or not Gilly Rd. is actually the responsibility of the City or Finlayson Township. There is no electronic record going back to 2006 that indicates we have ever handled Gilly Rd.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator