

Finlayson City Council - Regular Meeting
Finlayson City Hall
May 13, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, May 13, 2024 by Dave Auchter, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Members absent: Joe Okun

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Shelly Goodman, Joe Luedtke, Jeff Flaws, Josh Martin, Greg Sorenson, Ed Barnick

2. Additions or Corrections:

Add New Business H Resolution 2024-10

Add New Business I Flower Donations

Add New Business J CIP Crew

3. Compliments and Complaints:

none

Public Comments:

- A. Ed Barnick wanted to speak about Peace Lutheran using Fire Hall for 4th of July burgers. It was agreed between Ed and Wyatt that it will be just fine. See New Business G.
- B. Greg Sorenson with the Community Club spoke about the Depot Restoration they are undertaking in the coming months on behalf of the city. They had a strong community showing at their Open House on May 8th. They are looking for Council approval to move forward with the renovation. The Community Club will seek the funding via donations, grants, etc. No City funds will be used for this project. The renovations will be completed per historical society standards. The Club plans on restoring back to original colors of maroon, black, and white. Motion made by Morgan to allow the Community Club to move forward. Second by Schaefer. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes and March Financials:

- A. A motion was made by Schaefer to approve April 8th minutes. Second by Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Morgan to approve April 8th minutes. Second by Schaefer. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Schaefer to approve April bills. Second by Auchter. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Reports:

- A. John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator:** High Service pump is in and will be installed in the coming months. MN Pump will be doing maintenance on the lift station in the coming weeks.
- B. Randy Millner, Public Works:** Millner was not in attendance. Goodman read out. Millner is working on mowing and other spring clean up tasks. No issues needing attention or approval by Council at this time.
- C. Joe Luedtke, Bar Manager:** Luedtke gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating April 2024 had a net profit of \$12,870.16. Cinco de Mayo weekend tacos were popular and considered a success. Asking for new larger TVs in the bar to encourage more business during sporting events. Will do more research on prices and different options. Mentioned the sound in the bar is still an issue. Researched acoustic tiles and is asking for funding to place acoustic ceiling tiles. The cost is roughly \$800.00 and feels that it would make a big difference in the sound. Schaefer motion to approve \$800.00 for acoustic tiles and paint to keep the esthetics of the bar. Lucht second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Wyatt Lucht (Fire Chief) Fire Department:**
Reporting there were 9 calls this past month; 8 medicals and 1 fire. April had 47 resource hours. EMR training is set for May 15th for department at the fire hall. The fire department will be holding a mandatory Blood and Airborne Pathogen class at Fire Hall on May 20th at 7:00 pm. The Fire Dept will also be holding their annual pancake breakfast on July 4th from 0700-1000 at the Fire Hall.
- E. Shelly Goodman, City Clerk:**
Minutes and Agendas back to 2019 have been put on city website. Will continue to add more as time allows. SCI cable bill has stabilized from the activity of providing the Fire Dept their own internet drop. No significant cost increase for the city making this change. Found the SCI (Savage Communications) franchise agreement. It expired back in 2018 will need to contact SCI to see next steps about possible renewal. Brought forth contract extension with Pine Lake Township for plowing and grading. Prices have not increased. \$125.00/hour to plow and \$150.00/hour to grade. It was noted that a resident complained about the quality of the grading was not sufficient. Goodman to reach out to the Township. Auchter motion to extend contract with Pine Lake Township. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- A. Planning and Zoning:** The first meeting was held May 6th at City Hall. Auchter read out on that meeting. Members were introduced, history previous commission spoken about, potential grant and funding opportunities, priorities set for moving forward and terms of members were set. Roles within the commission were agreed upon.

6. Old Business:

- A. Banning Junction Sewer District and Finlayson Water and Sewer Rate adjustment: Still gathering information to make informed decisions. Okun absent and he is Water/Sewer Liaison. No action taken at this time.
- B. Ordinance Fee Scheduled Fees – No action taken at this time See Old Business A.
- C. Property goes into forfeit with County/State in May 2025. At this time the City does not have capacity to much with it. Will continue looking into more options. No action taken at this time.
- D. Speed limit signs City Hall is waiting on more quotes. Highway 18 is a State Highway so there are requirements that must be met to order and install signs. Goodman to continue working the requirements hoping to have more by June meeting.
- E. Public Safety Aide Speed Limit signs in Old Business D are eligible for purchase with those funds. No action taken at this time.
- F. Ordinance 27 – Fire and Rescue Motion by Morgan to approve revised ordinance. Schaefer Second. Lucht abstain. Motion carried.
- G. Ordinance 45 – Liquor Store Schaefer motion to approved revised ordinance. Auchter second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- H. Planning and Zoning Official- Morgan motion to table waiting on more information. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. New Business:

A: Resolution 2024-07 Donation from East Central Energy for Fire and Rescue; Fire Department using \$1007.22 donation for new cabinets in Fire Hall. Schaefer motion to accept donation. Morgan second. Lucht abstain. Motion carried.

B: Resolution 2024-08 Donation from Marlo Karp for flowers in memory of Paul Korpi; Schaefer motion to accept \$200.00 donation. Lucht second. All in favor. Motion carried.

C: Resolution 2024-09 Donation from East Central Energy for flowers; Morgan motion to accept \$30.00 donation. Schaefer second. All in favor. Motion carried

D: Finlayson Giese Lions Liquor License for June 22; Morgan motion to approve liquor license for June 22nd event at community center. Lucht second. All in favor. Motion carried.

E: Finlayson Giese Lions Liquor License for July 4; Morgan motion to approve liquor license for July 4th. Auchter second. All in favor. Motion carried.

F: Finlayson Community Club Liquor License for July 3-4; Schaefer motion to approve liquor license for July 3rd- 4th. Lucht second. All in favor. Motion carried.

G: Peace Lutheran Church use of Fire Hall July 4; Morgan motion to approve request from Peace Lutheran and Methodist Church to use Fire Hall on July 4th. Schaefer second. Lucht abstain. Motion carried.

H: Resolution 2024-10 Donation from Josette Koets for flowers; Lucht motion to accept \$50.00 donation. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

I: Flower Donations; The flower project if done in coming years needs to be done differently so donations can go directly to the club hosting the project. No motions made and no action taken.

J: CIP Crew; Auchter requested engaging CIP Crew out of Willow River to assist in ditch cleaning for us. Goodman to reach out to MN Department of Corrections.

A motion was made by Schaefer to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Morgan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shelly Goodman, City Clerk