

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2017

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday May 8, 2017, by Xavier Villarreal, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Natasha Watercott, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Barb Morgan, Cacey Philips, Bev Mensing and Mark Hansen.

Additions or Corrections:

None

Petitions or complaints by Residents:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Cowart to approve minutes as from April 10, 2017 regular council and April 24, 2017 Special meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: Updated Council on going blight issues:

Anthony: Attorneys ask if City was interested in eminent domain, which the city would have to buy the property, then repair. It was decided the City would move on with demolition.

Freil: abate and nuisance order in process

Mcfarland: moving forward with court action.

Henkel: in Probate

Hansen: Hwy 18 Property: has been notified has another week to respond

City Property:

Mark will be contacting owners of property being stored on property.

A motion by Villarreal to initiate a 2 week plan of action seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Planning and Zoning committee did have organizational meeting May 2, 2017, and has decided to meet quarterly with the next meeting being August 2, 2017, 6:30 pm.

Fire Department: Chief Lucht report last month there was 6 Calls 3 medical 2 DNR and 1 false alarm totaling 26 hours. Chief Lucht reported overhead piping has been completed by Summit. Med Compass will be doing health exams July 10, 2017.

FFR has received a Grant in the amount of \$500.00 from Quick Trip.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Reported Hydrants have been flushed, he will be doing jetting soon, and water levels are at summer levels.

Al Brigian City Administrator: Brigian gave overview of the Liquor store activities stating that last month has been busy and everything seems to be working out fine.

Brigian informed council that last year's DNR grant has been finalized with a cost share of 50%. Items purchased included brush coats, backpacks, and communication radios. Al suggested to council that even though we are just heading into summer, the council should be looking for a different snow plow truck, as the current truck has serious mechanical issues.

Brigian informed council maintenance will begin exercising and repairing water shut offs

Al also informed council of a sewer line problem which was the home owners Gillespie east of town which involved going through the Cities manhole to clear roots and plug

Brigian informed council of building permit violation which had been referred to Mark Hansen, both Hansen and Brigian informed the parties of consequences of not getting a permit.

Financial Reports:

A motion by Cowart to accept the financials for April 2017 and pay bills seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

Old Business:

A.. Blight Anthony: Court action has been initiated

NEW BUSINESS:

A Finlayson-Giese Lions Bingo:

Bev Mensing has proposed that the Finlayson-Geise Lions begin a 6 month trial period of bar Bingo to help promote business in the bar and pull tabs. After some discussion about the cons of Bar Bingo on Sunday afternoons being NFL football and Nascar racing, a motion by Price to allow bar bingo on Mondays evenings seconded by Cowart with all in favor and carried.

B.Freil order of abatement: A motion by Cowart to move forward with Freil order of abatement as outlined by Ledin and Hofstad seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.

C. 3.2 Liquor License Finlayson Community Club:

A motion by Cowart to grant 3.2 malt liquor license to the Finlayson Community Club for the one day July 4th Celebration seconded Byers with all in favor and carried

D. Sponsor July 4th Fireworks:

A motion by Cowart to sponsor the July 4th Fireworks seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried

Correspondence: Pine County health care system has invited all residence to open house and ribbon cutting ceremony May9, 2017, 4 pm.

A motion by Cowart to adjourn seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Allan Brigán City Clerk Administrator