

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2020

The regular city council meeting was called to order Thursday, November 12, 2020 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Vickie Oetterer, Bill Olson, Nate Romanowski.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drahosh to approve minutes from the October 13, 2020 regular council meeting, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.

Complaints/questions: Resident is requesting that the notification for hydrant flushing be in the water bills. Bjorklund agreed to put it in the water bills the next time it is due.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Wyatt Lucht reported that October had four fire calls and nine medical calls totaling 74 man hours. All truck have been tested and repaired. The snowmobile will be reviewed and repaired as needed for winter rescues. One 4wheeler will be put into storage and one will remain in operation.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot reported that the "T" for the lift station has been installed. However, pump #1 has now failed and is not repairable anymore. A new pump will cost \$10,700 plus freight. A motion from Byers to approve the purchase of the new pump was seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried. Mikrot also indicated that the filter media will be charged and water level brought down to winter level. 1/3 of the town has been jettied.

Zoning and Planning: See new business A and E.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating October 2020 had a net loss of approximately \$2,700 and YTD we are at a net loss of almost \$30,000. The double door freezer is not working. Service repair would likely cost around \$1,000. Food loss cost is \$1,400 and a new freezer is \$2,800. Council advises to wait until next year and use the chest freezer that currently has ice in it until spring. Bjorklund is turning the claim into insurance and waiting on information. New restrictions for the bar issued Nov 10th include removal of all barstools, continued 50% capacity limited only the number of seats possible with socially distant spacing between tables, no video game or crane machine or jukebox and must close by 10pm every night. Bar patrons, especially locals, are being rude and not following directions. Council advises to tell bartenders to cut them off or kick them out. Due to Sportman's Gun Raffle on Nov 21 and increased guidelines, Bjorklund asks for a security individual to enforce capacity to allow bartenders to serve customers. Council advises to contact

Pine County Sheriffs office for “rent a cop” or an individual willing to do it. Bjorklund indicates we had a turn out of 80% voters for the general election.

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

Old Business:

New business:

- A. Pine Lake Township is requesting a contract for their services on Dixon Line, Sherman Rd, Pine Lake Rd. and anything else we request. Bjorklund and Pine Lake Clerk Stephanie Lee will work together to put a contract together for the next meeting.
- B. Town and Country Insurance indicates that they have had several people stopping at their office wondering where the Muni is located as they are unclear based on the sign in the insurance agency parking lot. They are requesting it be moved. Council advises to ask if a mobile sign could go by the alley way between Town and Country and Petry’s.
- C. Resolution 2020-06 for canvassing board election results approved by motion from Byers, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- D. Resolution 2020-07 to certify to county the unpaid utility bills approved by motion from Byers, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- E. Finlayson Properties have submitted a building permit application for the construction of Dave and Kim Schaefer’s new home on the property to the north of the factory. Approved by motion from Drahosh, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.
- F. Annual contract from Ledin & Hofstad with no increase in price approved by motion from Drahosh, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried.
- G. The Pine County Historical Society sent a letter indicating that they have been directed by the Minnesota Historical Society that any documents they retain for a city organization need to be held in accordance with a records retention schedule approved by the city. A motion was made by Drahosh to adopt the Minnesota Records Retention Schedule, seconded by Hedtke with all in favor and carried.
- H. December meeting date is changed to Dec 7, 2020 at 6:30 due to conflicting schedules.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator