

Finlayson City Council
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2017

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, November 13, 2017, by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

Council Members present: Joe Luedtke, Tom Price with Jeremy Byers absent

Others present: John Mikrot, Wyatt Lucht, Bill Morgan, Natasha Watercott, Mark Hansen

Additions or Corrections:
None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Price to approve minutes from October 10, 2017 Regular council meeting seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht Wyatt reported 62 man hours for September between 3 vehicle calls, 8 medical calls, and 2 fire calls. A new internet based paging system has been implemented called "I AM RESPONDING". The firefighters receive a page via an app installed on their telephone and they are able to indicate if they are accepting or declining the page. The MN DNR donated five rolls of 5" fire hose.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: John reported that the lift station alarm on Front street was going off due to a clog, which has been remedied. Another lift station pump is failing due to a leaking gasket which will be replaced. Mikrot also indicated that he has discussed with a vendor that pulling of the City wells is recommended every 10 years. Council recommended doing one City well in 2018 and one in 2019. Decision to be made in the Spring of 2018. Motion was made by Mayor Cowart to approve the Maguire Iron bid for cleaning of the outside of the water tower which was quoted at \$4,950, seconded by Price, all in favor and carried.

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: Friel blithe case will be heard in Pine County Court on November 27. A patio or cement structure was added to the Olsen property without a permit and a notice was sent. The City received 9 bids from contractors for the demolition of the Anthony house on Front Street. A motion was made by Luedtke to award David Gerard Excavating for \$13,997, seconded by Price, all in favor and carried.

Nicole Bjorklund City Administrator: Bjorklund gave overview of the Liquor stating October was another very good month for the Municipal. Some changes at the Municipal Bar include the addition of several new wines and t-shirts and sweatshirts. Additional items being looked into by Bjorklund include adding a second POS system to the bar area and the ability to include tips on credit card purchases. The city is working with Pine County and a contractor to remove several beaver dams that are causing water issues/flooding in town.

A motion by Price to accept October financial and pay bills seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Old Business:

- A. Blight Anthony: A motion was made by Luedtke to award David Gerard Excavating for \$13, 997, seconded by Price, all in favor and carried.
- B. Council vacancy: discussion to be revisited beginning of 2018.
- C. Maguire Iron: A motion was made by Luedtke to award David Gerard Excavating for \$13, 997, seconded by Price, all in favor and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 2017-09 to certify unpaid water/sewer to County: There are 9 customer accounts that are past due to send to Pine County to be certified to property owner taxes. A motion was made by Price to allow the past due accounts to be sent to the County to be certified to taxes, seconded by Luedtke, all in favor and carried.
- B. Food Truck at Muni for Gun Raffle: Hunter's Grill food truck will be at the Muni during the Sportsman's Club Gun Raffle on Saturday, November 18 starting at 3pm. If this is a success, we would recommend having them back during special events.
- C. Backblaze computer back-up system: It was discovered that there was no back up of the City Hall computer system so a computer back-up services was purchased for \$50 per year. This was done to avoid any future loss of information.

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

Mayor Cowart and all City Council members indicated a great appreciation for the years of service and dedication from Allan Brigán.

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator