

Finlayson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
October 10, 2017

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, October 10, 2017, by Ed Cowart, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

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

Additions or Corrections:

City property on Cty Rd. 144

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Byers to approve minutes from September 11, 2017 Regular council meeting seconded by Price with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht Wyatt reported 56 man hours for September between 2 vehicle calls and 2 fire calls, one of which was for mutual aid. There will be a Fire Chiefs meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Lucht presented blue prints for a new fire truck with an estimated value of \$295,000. It is suggested that we keep the current fire truck and save up towards a new truck in the coming years. Firefighter 1 and 2 and First Responder training is in progress.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: John reported Hydrants have all been flushed as of the time of the meeting and the sewer jetting has been completed. Media for the water treatment facility will be charged during October. Mikrot to obtain a quote to get the media refurbished in the near future with a quote to be reviewed in November. Decision also to be made in November for the cleaning of the outside of the water tower which was quoted at \$4,950.

Mark Hansen, Zoning and Planning: Judgment was granted in favor of the City regarding the Heather Anthony blithe case. City will proceed per instructions from the city attorney. Adam McFarland has completed his obligations to paint the exterior of his house and maintain his yard. Hansen has sent photos of Friel property to city attorney as requested to indicate progress made. Cleanup of city property by Fish Lake is still in progress.

Al Brigan City Administrator: Brigan gave overview of the Liquor stating September was another very good month for the Municipal. Brigan also reported the old plow truck was sold for \$2,250 to a private party based on three bids received. New boards were put on the new plow truck and it is ready for the season. Lucht recommends that the box of the new plow truck be taken off next spring and sand blasted as a preventative measure.

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

Old Business:

A. Blight Anthony: Judgment issued in favor of the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Pine County Historical Society: After a brief discussion, the council agreed in favor of continuing to support the Pine County Historical Society for \$1 per resident of the City of Finlayson.
- B. Bank signatures: Ed Cowart welcomed Nicole Bjorklund as the new City Administrator, replacing Al Brigan who will be retiring in November. A motion was made by Price to add Nicole Bjorklund and remove Al Brigan from the authorized bank signature resolution, seconded by Byers, all in favor and carried.
- C. Maguire Iron: After discussion by the council, it was agreed to table the decision for cleaning of the water tower until November.
- D. City Property on Cty Rd. 144: Several complaints have been made to Price about the hunting on city property on Cty Rd. 144. A motion by Cowart was made to immediately prohibit any hunting on this property as of the time of the meeting going forward, seconded by Byers, all in favor and carried. Letters to be sent to Jay Huntington, Matt Linge, Chuck Dodge and Troy Colsrud to indicate the change. DNR to be contact to determine if no trespassing signs need to be put in place. A notice will be posted in the newspaper to the public to advise of prohibited hunting on this property.l
- E. Municipal Equipment: Brigan to contact auditor to add the new equipment from the municipal to the depreciation schedule prior to his retirement.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk Administrator