

Finlayson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2019

The regular city council meeting was called to order Monday, September 9, 2019 by Tom Price, Mayor at 6:30 PM.

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

Others present: Wyatt Lucht, John Mikrot, Bill Morgan, Alanea White, Barb Morgan, Ethan Bjorklund, John Linden and Russ Lucht.

Additions or Corrections:

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Byers to approve minutes from August 12, 2019 regular council meeting, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Lucht indicated that August had 10 medical calls and two fire calls for a total of 86.75 man hours. Three new members have been accepted to the Fire and Rescue department, Trina Alfson, Erica Heesaker and Mike Drahosh. Motion made by Luedtke to approve the new members, seconded by Byers, with all in favor with Drahosh abstaining, carried.

John Mikrot, Water/Sewer Operator: Mikrot that bi-annual inspection of the wells has been completed. Report indicated that each well should have a meter installed and one valve needs replacing. Hydrant flushing of the sewer lines will be done between Sept 30 and Oct 11. Matt's sanitation agreed to supply a trash basket for the lift station when the debris basket is installed.

Zoning and Planning:

Nicole Bjorklund, City Administrator: Bjorklund gave an overview of the Liquor store financials stating August 2019 had a profit of nearly \$9,000. With the new cooler in place, we now have to decide what is to be done with the old unit. Council agrees that it should be scrapped because the parts are not interchangeable with the new one and doesn't work properly. There is an ad in the paper for a new cleaning person as one of them has quit. Additionally, our other cleaning person is in the hospital and is not known when he will return at this point. The old ice machine that is in the fire hall is on the fritz. A service company has been called to determine what the issue is and what needs to happen. Bjorklund indicated that upon close review of the expense surrounding the Bottoms Up beer system that we spent nearly \$6,000 in 2018 on disposable cups. Glass cups are available through the vendor and are usable with the system. The cost \$22 per 6 glasses and each would need a new magnet at cost of \$0.15 each. There is a potential for a \$3000 savings each year. A motion was made by Drahosh to approve the purchase and change to the glasses from plastic, seconded by Byers with all in favor and carried. These will be

implemented immediately upon purchase of the glasses. In the past year there have been two instances of patrons at the bar having heart issues. It was suggested that the bar purchase an AED unit to have available. Council informed Bjorklund to check with the Lion's Club as they have supplied units to local businesses in Finlayson. In August the liquor store ran a fundraiser in conjunction with Coors Light for the Fire Relief Association and was able to raise \$15.01.

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

#### Old Business:

- A. Mail-in ballot resolution 2019-03 accepted by motion from Luedtke, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- B. It has again been brought to the attention of Bjorklund by residents that the Ziegler dogs are running at large continually. Residents have been advised to call the Sheriff's office and file a complaint per our city attorney and Pine County. However, a resident has indicated that upon calling PCSO she was informed that they weren't going to do anything about it. Our residents and the council are at a loss for what can be done with these dogs and the owners.

#### New business:

- A. Bjorklund presented the 2020 budget and proposed levy to the council, approved by motion from Byers, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- B. Resolution 2019-06 proposed levy accepted by motion from Byers, seconded by Drahosh with all in favor and carried.
- C. Charles Hillock building permit approved by motion from Drahosh, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried.
- D. Ethan Bjorklund presented to the council with John Linden (Rescue Lieutenant) with a proposal to teach CPR to the Fire and Rescue members. Bjorklund is a certified trainer of CPR and First Aid through the American Heart Association. Bjorklund offered to provide the training at a cost of \$75 per student, the City would purchase all the necessary supplies and then Bjorklund would then donate back \$1000 of his cost to cover a portion of the supplies needed. He also offered to train in a few of the FFR member to be trainers so that they can do the training in-house instead of paying someone in the future to do it. They would then also be able to train other people like the bartenders or offer a community class. Bjorklund and Linden will work on what supplies are needed and Nicole Bjorklund will purchase them. A motion was made by Drahosh to accept the offer from Bjorklund, seconded by Luedtke with all in favor and carried. The class will be scheduled for Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at the fire hall at 9am.
- E. Due to Columbus day falling on our next regularly scheduled meeting day, the next council meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30pm.

F. As of this meeting there has not been anyone willing to accept the open seat of council member. Council members will continue to speak with potential candidates in an effort to have someone accept the position.

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

Nicole Bjorklund, City Clerk/Administrator