

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2007
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Tower City Council was called to order by Mayor Stephen Abrahamson.

Present: Abrahamson, Hanson, Heinowski, Hiltunen, Nevala.

Also Present: Kotzian.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Jeff Goetzman, Marshal Helmberger, Mike Driscoll, Jane Lindseth, Robin Kirkman.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Abrahamson to approve the minutes of 01/08/07 as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to accept the agenda as presented by the Mayor. All yes. Motion carried.

Public input: None.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to accept the Fire, Ambulance, and Police reports as received and reviewed. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to accept the resignation of Robert Dale as the Assistant Ambulance Supervisor. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to approve the Airport Capital Improvement plan as recommended by the Airport Commission, with the deletion of the Airport Beacon. All yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Goetzman, SEH, was present to update the Council on the Harbor project. The focus is on the potential size of the harbor and the set backs around the harbor and river corridor.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hiltunen, upon recommendation of SEH, to adopt Resolution 2007-02 Minnesota Cultural Resources Unit. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to appoint John Niemiste to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the vacant seat that expires at the end of 2007. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Minnesota Basic Code. The Council is looking into adopting the Code to replace existing ordinances and/or amending existing ordinances during the adoption.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to approve the Code draft which includes the Preface, Title I: General Provisions, and Title III: Administration. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on external heating systems. The City has a moratorium on the installation of these systems.

Councilor Heinowski gave the first reading of proposed: Ordinance #23 An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of External Heating Systems and Providing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof.

Robin Kirkman, 707 North Third Street, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Hanson discussed the activities of the Tower Economic Development Authority. TEDA has hired Dick Grabko, SEH, to serve as an interim director.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Heinowski to approve State of Minnesota IRR Contract RQ# B43 1999 for \$100,000.00. All yes. Motion carried.

A letter from John Cope, City Attorney, concerning the Gundersen Trust was received and reviewed. Mr. Cope did not think that the Gundersen Trust had control of any lands and it wasn't in the best interest of the Gundersen Trust to loan money. The letter was referred to the Trust for further review and comment.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson, upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, to appoint SEH as the primary engineering firm for the City of Tower, and retain RLK for ongoing projects. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to adopt the Hoodoo Point Off Season Permit as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to go on record in total support of the "Deep Underground Scientific Experimentation Lab (DUSEL) to be located at the Soudan Underground Mine State Park. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Abrahamson to forward the Global Tower Lease to Attorney John Cope for review. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hiltunen to adjourn. Time: 6:40PM
Respectfully submitted,

Timothy L. Kotzian

Clerk/Treasurer

