

City Council Meeting
 Regular Meeting
 City of Tower
 January 23, 2017
 Monday @ 5:30PM
 City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Tower City Council was called to order by Mayor Josh Carlson.

Present: Anderson, Carlson, Dougherty, Fitton, and Matich

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Tony Sikora, Steve Altenburg, Marshall Helmberger, Jeff Hill, Terr Joki-Martin

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

None

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Matich to adopt the 2017 reorganization as follows. Councilors Anderson, Dougherty, Fitton, and Matich assented. Mayor Carlson abstained. The motion carried.

City of Tower Reorganization		
	2017	Rate
Mayor	Josh Carlson	\$ 300.00
Councilor	Lance Dougherty	\$ 200.00
Councilor	Brad Matich	\$ 200.00
Councilor	Brooke Anderson	\$ 200.00
Councilor	Kevin Fitton	\$ 200.00
Acting Mayor	Lance Dougherty	
City Attorney	Andy Peterson, Cope & Peterson	
City Engineer	Short, Elliott, & Hendrickson	
City Depositories	Frandsen Bank & Trust	
	Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union	
Designated Investment Consultant	Nick Skarich (Dougherty & Company LLC)	

Monthly Meeting
Date, Time, &
Place

Second & Fourth Mondays

5:30PM

City Council Chambers

Check Signatories	Josh Carlson
(Mayor, Acting Mayor & Clerk)	Lance Dougherty Linda Keith

Official Newspaper	Timberjay
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Meal Reimbursement	Dinner	\$ 25.00
	Lunch	\$ 20.00
	Breakfast	\$ 15.00

Mileage Reimbursement	Per Federal Mileage Rate	53.5 Cents
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Charter Commission	Julie Johnson Randy Johnson Jodi Reichensperger Steve Altenburg Dena Suihkonen Stephanie Carlson Sheldon Majerle
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Tower Economic Development Authority	Joan Broten (Resident) (2017)
2 Members shall own Businesses within Tower, 2 Shall be residents of Tower, 1 At Large Member and 2 Council Rep	Brad Matich (Council Rep) (2018) Marshall Helmberger (Business Owner) (2019) Brooke Anderson (Council Rep) (2020) Marit Kringstad (Resident) (2021) Steve Peterson (At Large) (2022) Victoria Meloche (Business Owner) (2022)

Harbor Committee	Josh Carlson (Council Rep) Linda Keith (City Hall) Steve Altenburg (At Large)
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Commercial Rehabilitation	Brad Matich (Council Rep)
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Josh Carlson (Mayor)
Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)
Diane Meehan (Frandsen Representative)
Sunday Young (EVFCU Representative)

Gundersen Trust	Jesse Gornick (2019) (AL)
(3 yr Terms) (3 at Large, 2 Forest Board Members & 2 Council Rep)	Linda Keith (2017) (AL)
	(2019) (FB)
	Lance Dougherty (2018) (CR)
	Valerie Lenci (2017) (AL)
	Sheldon Majerle (2019) FB
	Josh Carlson (2018) (CR)

Forestry Board	Sheldon Majerle (2017)
(3 Yr Terms 1 Council Rep)	Steve Wilson (2017)
	Bob Heisel (2016)
	Open Seat (2016)
	Brooke Anderson (2018) Council Rep

Zoning Administrator	Linda Keith
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Planning & Zoning Commission	Victoria Meloche (2018)
(1 Council Rep & Zoning Administrator 3 yr Terms)	Kevin Fitton (2019) (Council Rep)
	Jeff Hill (2017)
	Morgan Carlon (2019)
	Steve Altenburg (2017)

Board of Adjustment	Sheldon Majerle (2017)
(3 Yr Terms must be residents of City)	(2019)
	Lance Dougherty (2018) (Council Rep)

Blight Officers	Mayor
	City Clerk Treasurer

Blight Committee	City Clerk Treasurer
	Deputy Clerk Treasurer
	Maintenance Working Foreman
	Maintenance Worker
	Full Council

Tower Breitung
Area Fire & Rescue
Board

Josh Carlson (Mayor)

Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

Ambulance Department	Director - Steve Altenburg	\$ 1,800.00
	Assistant Director	\$ 700.00
	Secoond Assistant Dirctor - Dena Suikkonen	\$ 300.00
	Training Officer - Nick Levens	\$ 500.00
EMT Work Loss Reimbursement Rate	-	\$20.00 /hr
Ambulance Commission	Steve Altenburg (Ambulance Director)	
	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)	
	Brad Matich Alternate (Council Rep)	
Emergency Management Director	Jesse Anderson	\$ 200.00
Fire Department	Chief - Steve Altenburg	\$ 500.00
	Assistant Chief - Lance Dougherty	\$ 275.00
	Secretary - Stephanie Carlson	\$ 50.00
	Training Officer - Josh Carlson	\$ 200.00
	Captain / Safety Officer - Mike Raj	\$ 225.00
Police Commission	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)	
	Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)	
	Steve Altenburg (At Large)	
Airport Commission	Sheldon Majerle (At Large)	
	Bruce Carlson (At Large)	
	Rick Worringer (At Large)	
	John Burgess (At Large)	
	Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)	
Tower Breitung Wastewater Board	Brad Matich (Council Rep)	
	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)	
Public Utilities Commission	(Tower Resident)	
	Kevin Fitton (Council Rep)	
Public Property Commission	(Tower Resident)	
	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)	

Lodging Tax Commission	Josh Carlson (Council Rep)
	Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)
Liquor Commission	Brad Matich (Council Rep)
	Dena Suihkonen (Tower Resident)
	Jesse Anderson (Breitung Police Chief)
Gambling Commission	Jesse Gornick (Tower Resident)
	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)
Grievance Committee	Brooke Anderson (Council Rep)
	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)
	Steve Altenburg (Tower Citizen)
AFSCME Negotiation Committee	Full Council
MAPE Negotiation Committee	Full Council
Employee Relations Committee	Kevin Fitton (Council Rep)
	Josh Carlson (Council Rep)
	Lance Dougherty (Council Rep Alternate)
Joint Powers Recreation Board	Brooke Anderson (Council Rep)
	Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to resolve that WHEREAS, The Tower Economic Development Authority was formed in August of 1996;

WHEREAS, The Tower Economic Development Authority has contributed to many improvements over the years in Tower;

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Tower voted on January 23, 2017 by unanimous vote to appoint two business owners, two Tower residents, two council representatives, and one at large member to serve as the members of the Tower Economic Development Authority Board;

WHEREAS, The City of Tower Economic Development Committee was increased to seven (7) members on March 17, 2003 and then decreased to five (5) members on February 10, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution to increase the City of Tower Economic Development Authority to seven (7) members. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to authorize the Clerk Treasurer and Ambulance Director to sign and accept the ambulance ALS intercept agreement with Ely Area Ambulance Service. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was by Fitton and supported by Anderson to resolve that The City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota does ordain:
WHEREAS; The City previously authorized the fire department to join the Voluntary Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA); and
WHEREAS; The City requests and obtained a cost analysis of increasing the benefit level for firefighters who are vested in the Voluntary Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan from PERA not more than 120 days ago; and
WHEREAS; The City understands that Minnesota statute allows an increase in benefit levels if the plan is fully funded, but does not have provisions for a decrease in benefit levels; and
WHEREAS; The city highly values the contributions of City Fire Department members to the safety and well being of our community and wishes to safeguard their pension investment in a prudent manner.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOWER,
The City hereby approves an increase in the benefit level for firefighters who have completed at least five (5) years of good time service credit as a member of the Voluntary Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan administered by PERA at the \$1,000.00 benefit level per year of service effective January 1, 2017; and
The City Clerk Treasurer and Mayor are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution. Councilors Anderson and Fitton assented. Councilors Dougherty and Matich and Mayor Carlson abstained. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to give the first reading of Ordinance 36 and Ordinance Amending the Cable Communications Franchise. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Anderson to change the Store Front Loan Guidelines as presented. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the guidelines is on file in the City Clerk Treasurer's office.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to transfer the duties and accounting associated with the 4th of July parade to the Tower Soudan 4th of July Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported and by Anderson to accept the MN/DOT Grant agreement for completion of the airport apron and taxi way repairs in the amount of \$522,458.85. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Anderson to adjourn. Time out was 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda K Keith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent.

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer