

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
October 14, 2014
Tuesday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Broten, Carlson, Dougherty, and Hiltunen.

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Sheldon Majerle, Elly Power, and Marshall Helmberger.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda with the following amendments:

9.5 DEED Resolution

9.6 City Charter Changes

9.7 Harbor Infrastructure Economic Development CDBG Grant

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Correspondence: None.

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, and Police Department.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Hiltunen to approve the reports from officers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to accept the purchase agreement from Independent School District 2142 for the purchase of the former Tower Soudan High School Football Field. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept Iron Range Plumbing and Heating's quote of \$8,400.00 with the City funding \$3,000.00 and the Charter School funding \$5,400.00. Councilors Carlson, Hiltunen, and Dougherty assented. Councilor Broten and Mayor Abrahamson dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept the audit agreement with Walker, Giroux, & Hahne for the 2014 Audit at a cost of \$20,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to resolve that
Whereas, The City of Tower desires to partner with the Tower Women's Civic Improvement Club to beautify main street and the entrances to Tower; and
Whereas, there is a grant program supported by the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and
Whereas, the City intends to partner with the Tower Women's Club to apply for the Landscape Partnership Grant and make landscaping changes to the Minnesota Department of Transportation right of way near 715 Main Street; and
Now therefore be it resolved the City Council of the City of Tower will act as sponsoring unit for the project identified as City of Tower Main Street Landscaping Project on the State Trunk Highway 169 to be conducted during the period October 14, 2014 through December 31, 2015.
Be it further resolved, Linda K Keith is hereby authorized to apply to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for funding of this project on behalf of the City of Tower. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Broten to make application to the Iron Range Resources Rehabilitation Board Infrastructure Grant Program for Harbor related infrastructure expenditures. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Broten to resolve that
Whereas, The authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the 2015 Harbor Infrastructure Grant Program; and
Whereas, The authorizing authority hereby agrees to accept funding for the underlying project if approved by the IRRRB;
Now, Therefore be it resolved, that the authorizing authority of the City of Tower does hereby adopt this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to resolve that
Whereas, the City of Tower pursuant to action taken has met to review and finalize the 2014 Water and Sewer Fund Deposits; and
Whereas, following their review the City Council of the City of Tower has determined that the Final 2014 Sewer Budget shall be set at \$76,887.63; and
Whereas, following their review the City Council of the City of Tower has determined that the final 2014 Sewer Budget shall be set at \$124,870.00; and
Now therefore be it resolved the City Council of the City of Tower has adopted the Final Budget for 2014;
Be it further resolved, Linda K Keith is hereby directed to certify said budget to the Saint Louis County Auditor. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to acknowledge receipt of the changes to the City of Tower Charter as presented by the City of Tower

Charter Commission and to begin the process of passing an ordinance to accept and adopt the changes submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to make application to the Saint Louis Community Development Block Grant Program for funds to be used on the 2015 Tower Harbor Infrastructure Project.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to pay all bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to adjourn. Time out was 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda K Keith", enclosed within a circular scribble.

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer