



CITY OF TOWER
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tower Civic Center

October 15, 2019

1. Call or Order/ Roll Call

Orlyn Kringstad called the Tower City Council meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Present (in order of seating): Mary Shedd, Steve Abrahamson, Orlyn Kringstad, Rachel Beldo, Sheldon Majerle

Staff present: Fire Chief and Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg, Clerk/Treasurer Victoria Ranua, Interim Clerk/Treasurer Ann Lamppa, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Terri Joki-Martin

Contractors present: City Engineer Matt Bolf, Grants Manager Nancy Larson

Media present: Tony Sikora (Tower News), Marshall Helmberger (Timberjay), Jodi Summit (Timberjay)

Others: Ronald Abrahamson, Amy Hinkel Ronaldo Noyes, Gary Ross, Dave Setterberg, Deb Setterberg, Robyn Majarle, Lee Peterson, Jim Bassing, Dave Rose, Joseph Pelawa and three known individuals to the Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda

There were three additions to the agenda and two removals. The additions were a 6.1. SEH application for payment, 9.8 Reorganization, and 10.8 Contract for Attorney on criminal matters. Removals were 10.2 Purchasing Policy and 10.4 New Hire – B. Garrison EMT.

Abrahamson made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Motion seconded by Shedd. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes of September 9, 2019, September 23, 2019 and September 30, 2019.

Motion by Beldo to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular City Council meeting as presented. Seconded by Abrahamson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kringstad to accept the minutes of September 23, 2019 regular City Council meeting as presented. Seconded by Mary Shedd. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Abrahamson to accept the minutes of the September 30, 2019 special City Council meeting as presented. Seconded by Mary Shedd. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Input

TEDA member Marshall Helmberger addressed allegations from citizen/Fire Chief/Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg concerning the City of Tower loan to Tower Harbor

Shores. He presented a written copy of his public address to the Council. Copy on file in Clerk's Office.

5. Correspondences

None received.

6. SEH Engineering Report

SEH Engineer Matt Bolf addressed a report on various projects. His written report was included in the Council Packet.

6.1 Application for Payment on TEDA Manufacturing Building (Lamppa Manufacturing)

A motion by Shedd to accept the sink change order. Second by Beldo. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Shedd to pay Lenci for \$15,366.45. Second by Abrahamson. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Abrahamson to pay Lenci for \$18,875.00. Second by Shedd. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Grant Management Reports. No action.

8. Review Department / Commission Reports.

The Council received all the reports. Council will review at October 28 Council meeting.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Joint Powers Board for the Vermilion Trail representative alternate

A motion by Shedd to have Nanci Salminen appointed the alternate for the Vermilion Trail representative. Seconded by Beldo. The motion carried.

9.2 Hoodoo Point Campground – 10-year lease limit

A motion by Shedd to have approve a ten-year lease limit on all new year-round campsite lessee's, with existing lessee's grandfathered in. Seconded by Beldo. Motion carried with Kringstad, Shedd, and Beldo voting in the affirmative, and Majerle and Abrahamson voting nay.

9.3 American Tower lease

A motion by Majerle to approve lump sum payment from American Tower. Seconded by Shedd. Motion failed with Kringstad, Shedd, Abrahamson, and Beldo voting nay and Majerle voting in the affirmative.

Beldo made a motion to table the topic and have the existing lease brought before the Council and seek outside help in reviewing the terms of American Tower's offer. Seconded by Majerle. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Steve Abrahamson to have the existing lease brought before the Council and seek outside help in reviewing the terms of American Tower's offer. Seconded by Shedd. Motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Storage Units – Fire Department

A motion by Beldo to retain the existing storage units, explore options for rebuilding the fire damaged garage, and request the Fireman Relief Association assist in paying for the storage units. Seconded by Steve Abrahamson. Motion passed unanimously.

9.5 TEDA Lamppa Building - concrete bids

A motion by Shedd to accept Broten Construction bid for the concrete work on the second-half of the TEDA manufacturing building for lessee Lamppa Manufacturing. Seconded by Beldo. Motion passed unanimously.

9.6 Conditional Use Permit - Dave Rose request

Kringstad made a motion to bring this made to the City Council for approval. Motion seconded by Majerle.

9.7 Budget FY2020

Ann Lamppa provided an overview of changes to the budget. No action taken.

9.8 Reorganization

Motion by Majerle to replace Victoria Ranua with Ann Lamppa within the City's reorganization chart. Seconded by Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business

10.1 Office Hours

A motion by Beldo to approve office hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30PM. Seconded by Shedd. The motion carried.

10.3 Authorities, Boards, Commissions, Committees - Secretaries

Motion by Shedd to prepare a job description for commission secretaries for the Council to review. Seconded by Beldo. Motion carried.

10.5 Training - December Fire Training

A motion by Beldo to approve use of the Civic Center for Fire Training. Seconded by Shedd. The motion carried.

10.6 Contract - Fireworks

A motion by Beldo to enter into a Fireworks Contract with Premier Pyrotechnics. Seconded by Abrahamson. The motion carried unanimously.

10.7 Contract - Auditor

A motion by Kringstad to accept the contract as presented. Seconded by Majerle. The motion carried unanimously.

10.8 Contract - Attorney Criminal Matter

A motion by Beldo to table the issue. Seconded by Abrahamson. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Pay the Bills

A motion was made by Abrahamson to pay the bill. Seconded by Beldo. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Steve Abrahamson.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Ranua
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by Council on:

11/25/19