

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
October 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, and Fitton
Absent: Matich
Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Dale Horihan, Joan Broten, Orlyn Kringstad, Tony Sikora, Marshall Helmberger, and Steve Altenburg

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 6.7 Resolution to temporarily extend Sunday Liquor Sales Hours. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from a local ambulance patient thanking the service members for the quality patient care they received.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Fitton to authorize Ambulance Director Altenburg to send a letter supporting keeping the Eveleth Area Ambulance Service managed by local personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Fitton to respond to Breitung Township that the City of Tower would like to put a hold on the process of combining fire departments until Tower had an opportunity to address and resolve their building needs and extreme shortage of EMS space. The City would like to revisit the feasibility of combining on an annual basis. The City also encourages the Departments to continue to organize joint trainings, organize training on both communities' equipment, and to continue to cooperatively purchase larger apparatus (i.e. avoiding duplicated equipment, joint purchases, etc.). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Dougherty to sell Lot 2 as designated by the City Engineer to Lamppa Manufacturing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Dougherty to resolve that **Whereas**, the City of Tower owns the property located adjacent to trunk highway 135 in the City of Tower as depicted on exhibit A; **Whereas**, the City of Tower, owner of the property, and Lamppa Manufacturing, prospective developer, request that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to vacate the inactive snowmobile trail easement located on the parcel; **Whereas**, the easement does not terminate at or abut upon public water; and **Now therefore be it resolved** that the City of Tower respectfully requests that the State of Minnesota vacate easement number 438380. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to authorize SEH to survey and stake lot 2 of the business park in anticipation of the Lamppa Manufacturing Building Development. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Fitton to resolve that **WHEREAS**, the City of Tower is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (hereinafter "the City"); and **WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute Section 272.162 imposes restrictions on transfers of property, and the statute applies only to land within municipalities which choose to be governed by its provisions; and **WHEREAS**, municipalities may choose to have Minnesota Statute Section 272.162 apply to the properties within its boundaries by filing a certified copy of a resolution making that choice with the auditor and recorder of the county in which the municipality is located. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. As of January 1, 2018, the restrictions of Minnesota Statute Section 272.162 shall apply to property within the City's boundaries, and City staff is directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the St. Louis County Auditor and St. Louis County Recorder.

The purpose of this Resolution authorizes the City to review future splitting of tax parcels within the City limits to ensure that future tax parcel splits do not result in subdivision of property that does not conform with the City's zoning standards, such as minimum lot width and lot area. The motion carried unanimously.

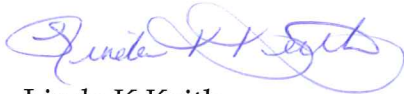
A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to prepare to certify and assess to property taxes the past due public utility debt of M Aldrich (\$2,454.77), J Aldrich (\$961.55), R Abrahamson (\$1,881.35), and D Wiljamaa (\$565.96). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Fitton to resolve that **Whereas**, the City of Tower Ordinance Number 39A prohibits on-sale intoxicating liquor sales between the hours of 1:00AM and 10:00AM on Sundays, which is more restrictive than Minnesota Statute 340A.504 subdivision 3(a), which permits on-sale intoxicating liquor sales in restaurants starting at 8:00AM on Sundays; and **Whereas**, the Good Ol Days and D'Ericks Liquors, licensed liquor establishments have requested a waiver to serve and display intoxicating liquor starting from 8:00AM to

10:00AM on October 29, 2017, for the Minnesota Vikings vs Cleveland Browns football game being held in Twickenham Stadium in London, England, which kicks off at 8:30AM local time; **Whereas**, all City of Tower licensed liquor establishments holding on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses are similarly affected and would otherwise be deprived of their customers' anticipated business during the broadcasted Minnesota Vikings game; and **Whereas**, this waiver is desired by establishment owners to be in effect for Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 8:00AM to 10:00AM; and **Now therefore be it resolved** the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota does hereby approve a waiver of Ordinance 39A for all on-sale intoxicating liquor establishments licensed by the City of Tower for the hours of 8:00AM to 10:00AM, Sunday, October 29, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Anderson to adjourn. Time out was 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer