

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
November 14, 2016
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Broten, Carlson, Dougherty, Hiltunen, and Matich

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Lee Van Deusen, Matt Tuchel, Brooke Jankowski, Lisa Janisch, Toni Sikor, Terri Joki-Martin, Jason Chopp, Marshall Helmberger, Steve Altenburg, Jesse Anderson, Orlyn Kringstad

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Broten to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of 9.4 Purchase of Mud Creek Road Parcel, 9.9A Tower Soudan CDC Funding Request, 9.9B Main Street Grant Request, 9.10 Daycare facility in Tower. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Hiltunen to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

None

Correspondence:

None

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Dougherty to accept reports from Officers and Engineer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to accept reports from Commissions and Committees.

A motion was made to offer the Hoodoo Point Manager's Contract to Randy Pratt for \$36,000.00 per year from 2017 - 2021. The motion carried unanimously. No other bids were received after two publications in the City's official newspaper and a twenty one day application period.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to adopt the General City Charges Schedule without any changes. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the schedule can be obtained from the City Clerk Treasurer.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to decline the Vermilion Housing Corporation's offer to purchase a portion of their property for further single family housing development. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Matich to authorize Jason Chopp (SEH) to have the Hoodoo Point sewer lines videoed and to prepare estimates to resolve any repairs or enhancements needed after the inspection. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to accept Roger Ruliffson's offer of \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a City owned parcel identified by Saint Louis County as parcel code 410-0010-00350. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Broten to resolve that WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation in 2011, directing the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to undertake a study to determine the appropriate wild rice sulfate standard and to establish a wild rice advisory panel, and WHEREAS, the legislation also set forth a time frame and date for enactment of the new wild rice standard, said date being January 15, 2018, and WHEREAS, prior to the enactment and implementation of any new standards the Minnesota Administrative Procedures Act requires the MPCA to put forth a "reasonable effort" to provide an analysis of the costs of proposed regulations to municipalities and the state, thus enabling an "informed public" to comment during the rulemaking process and included as an attachment to the SONAR as required, and WHEREAS, the MPCA determined that it was necessary and appropriate to issue a formal request for proposal (RFP) for an independent analysis of multiple treatment options for municipal wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) as well as to provide a cost analysis for the treatment of sulfate, and WHEREAS, the formal RFP allowed for a completion date of May 31, 2018, for this analysis of treatment options and the economic assessment for the WWTPs, as well as to fee-payers and communities and that date is five months **after** the effective date of the newly proposed sulfate standards, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Tower supports the Range Association of Municipalities request for immediate action from the MPCA, to remedy a situation that is nonsensical and will limit open and honest discussion of the proposed wild rice standard rules in public hearings that are set to begin in the spring of 2017, and LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Tower also requests the MPCA schedule public hearing sessions in locations across greater Minnesota, not just in St. Paul, to assure attendance by rural residents and local elected. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Broten to request an appraisal from Vermilion Appraisals for a portion of a parcel located on the Mud Creek Road to be possibly sold at a later time. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to contract with Walker Giroux & Hahne for the auditing and review of the 2016 Financial Statements at a cost of \$23,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Broten to notify the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust that the City does not wish to waive the statutory tort liability limits for liability insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to resolve that WE, Josh Carlson and Linda K. Keith, do hereby certify that we serve as Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer, respectively, for the City of Tower, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation, and it had been hereby resolved, prior to March 25, 2016, that the real property located at TBD Gunderson Road, Tower, MN 55790, (PID # 410-0010-00300), had been approved to sell, transfer and convey title from the City of Tower, a Municipal Corporation, to Kevin D. Onstad and John Pugleasa and Wesley E. Clark, pursuant to purchase agreement dated 2/5/16. It was also resolved that documents to fulfill the sale, transfer and conveyance will be signed by both Josh Carlson as Mayor and Linda K. Keith, as City Clerk/Treasurer. The real property described within is further more, legally described as:
The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄), Section 2, Township 61 North, Range 15 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to resolve that WE, Josh Carlson and Linda K. Keith, do hereby certify that we serve as Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer, respectively, for the City of Tower, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation, and it had been hereby resolved, prior to August 31, 2016, that the real property located at TBD Gunderson Road, Tower, MN 55790, (PID # 410-0010-00340), had been approved to sell, transfer and convey title from the City of Tower, a Municipal Corporation, to Roger Ruliffson, pursuant to purchase agreement dated 6/7/16. It was also resolved that documents to fulfill the sale, transfer and conveyance will be signed by both Josh Carlson as Mayor and Linda K. Keith, as City Clerk/Treasurer. The real property described within is further more, legally described as:
Government Lot 2, Section 3, Township 61 North, Range 15 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to prepare a letter of support to the IRRRB regarding the Tower Soudan Community Development Corporation's main street beautification application. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Broten to adjourn. Time out was 7:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda K Keith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "K".

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer