

City Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
City of Tower  
December 10, 2018  
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: Jason Chopp (SEH), Steve Altenburg, Orlyn Kringstad, Matt Bolf (SEH), Marshall Helmberger, Tony Sikora, Ron Abrahamson Sr., Michael Wood, Rachel Beldo, Hunter Gilbert, Tony Sikora, Joan Broten, and Brylie Landfried

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to accept the agenda as amended with the additions of 5.3 Correspondence regarding Tower EDA Loan, 5.4 Correspondence regarding Vermilion Lake Town Board Meeting, 5.5 Correspondence regarding Vermilion Lake Town Board Appearance, and 8.16 Resolution 2018-020 Broadband Support. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Input: None

Correspondence:

A motion was made by Matich and supported Fitton to donate \$250.00 to the Saint Louis County Fair Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to accept the reports from officers, commissions, and committees as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported Anderson to set the tax abatement terms in the development agreement at a percentage of 62.5% for a term of 10 years. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to set a response date of December 14, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Anderson to adopt the 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Dougherty to set the 2019 levy at a half percent increase (.5%). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to approve and pay Lenci Enterprises, Inc. pay estimate #5 in the amount of \$119,320.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to approve and pay Lenci Enterprises, Inc. pay estimate #5A in the amount of \$13,110.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to approve Change Order #2 at no additional cost. The motion carried unanimously. The change order only clarifies the scope of work to be completed.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported Anderson to request quotes for propane for the new TEDA building. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Anderson to name the new street around the harbor Lamppa Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to rename the Tower Civic Center the Herbert R Lamppa Civic Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Matich to transfer the economic development fund loan from Tower Vision 2025 LLC to Tower Harbor Shores LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Anderson to increase the purchase price of the new ambulance to \$243,994.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to resolve that WHEREAS, the City of Tower maintains a water and sewer system at the Tower Municipal Airport; and WHEREAS, Per City of Tower Ordinance Numbers One and Two the City Council may establish water and sewer rates and charges to be implemented; and WHEREAS, the Tower Airport Commission has recommended to the City that a charge be implemented to set the quarterly sewer rate \$70.00 per hangar connected to the system effective with the January 2019 billing, therefore changing the rate as outlined below; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF TOWER AS FOLLOWS, that the quarterly sewer rate for airport hangars shall be \$70.00 per quarter; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Clerk Treasurer are

hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to resolve that WHEREAS, the City of Tower sells aviation fuel at the Tower Municipal Airport; and WHEREAS, the Tower City Council may establish prices and discounts; and WHEREAS, the Tower Airport Commission has recommended to the City to implement a discount in the amount of twenty cents (.20) per gallon sold; and WHEREAS, the fuel discount will only be paid upon receiving actual credit card receipts; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF TOWER AS FOLLOWS, that the fuel discount for Adventure Seaplanes, Inc. shall be twenty Cents (.20); and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Clerk Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to approve and pay TNT Aggregates Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$70,629.65. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to resolve that **Whereas**, The City of Tower pursuant to action taken has met to review and finalize the 2019 Water and Sewer Fund Deposits.; and **Whereas**, following their review, the City Council of the City of Tower has determined that the Final 2019 Water Budget be set at \$140,770.00; and **Whereas**, following their review the City Council of the City of Tower has determined that the Final 2019 Sewer Budget shall be set at \$82,800.00; and **Now therefore be it resolved** the City Council of the City of Tower has adopted the Final Budget for 2019; **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 Matich and supported by Fitton to resolve that Whereas, per Minnesota Statute Section 204B.16 the governing body of each municipality with election precincts shall designate by resolution a polling place for each election precinct; Whereas, the polling places designated in this resolution are the polling places for the year 2019, unless an emergency change is needed; Whereas, the City Council of the City of Tower designates the Tower Civic Center at 402 Pine Street, Tower, Minnesota as the polling place for all precincts in accordance with all statutes; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA does formally approve the Tower Civic Center at 402 Pine Street, Tower, Minnesota as the designated polling place for all City of Tower Precincts. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to resolve that WHEREAS, Broadband is an essential service necessary to attract and retain residents and businesses, engage in commerce, obtain equal access to health care and education, and support a modern quality of life; and WHEREAS, Iron Range communities and particularly our Iron Range rural countryside, include areas that are considered by to be unserved and

underserved when using the standards set in Minnesota state statutes; and WHEREAS, The future of the City of Tower is dependent upon a quality Pre-K through 12 education system and educational delivery services are dependent upon high speed, quality broadband; and WHEREAS, Any opportunity for economic diversity requires access to gigabit broadband services to afford the City of Tower a competitive chance at attracting new businesses; and WHEREAS, Community volunteers within the City of Tower have completed the hard work to engage citizens via surveys and meetings and to work with broadband planning consultants to gather data and create broadband deployment plans; and WHEREAS, Various state and national funding sources are expected to become available; and WHEREAS, Various grant and loan funds require the commitment of a local match to be provided for competitive and successful applications; and WHEREAS, Funding broadband projects within the surrounding City of Tower Area will require a collaborative effort of townships, cities, St. Louis County and willing telecommunications providers; and WHEREAS, townships and small cities do not have the staff or expertise to assist with grant applications, joint powers agreements or public/private provider agreements; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWER CITY COUNCIL, The City of Tower: Supports all efforts to spur the deployment of broadband networks and services that will immediately meet the 2026 state broadband goal of 100 Mb/20 Mb; Will support using local financial resources as part of a broadband deployment plan in conjunction with other funding sources; Requests that St. Louis County take the lead in developing and finalizing a regional, multi-community approach to spurring broadband deployment, including organizational development, legal requirements and financial planning, direct staff support to our small cities and townships and active participation in potential grant funding applications. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Clerk Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to adjourn. Time out was 7:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith  
City Clerk Treasurer