

City Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
City of Tower  
December 12, 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: Sheldon Majerle, Terri Joki-Martin, Tony Sikora, Brooke Anderson, Jeff Hill, Orlyn Kringstad, Linda Haugen, Marit Kringstad, Kevin Fitton, Steve Altenburg, and Marshall Helmberger

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Input:

None

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received announcing the Tower Soudan Singers next performance to be held at the Tower Soudan Elementary School.

Correspondence was received from Tim Tomsich regarding the Vermilion Housing Corporations receipt of a grant from AEOA for the rehabilitation of the Tower Housing Complex.

Correspondence was received from Richard Larmouth requesting that the Council review the request for funding from the Tower Soudan Community Development Corporation.

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

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Matich to examine the feasibility of co-locating the Tower City Hall with the Joint EMS Facility on Highway 135. Councilors Broten, Matich, and Hiltunen and Mayor Carlson assented. Councilor Dougherty dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Matich to accept the reports from Commissions and Committees as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to approve Airport Project Pay Estimate # 1 from KGM Construction in the amount of \$414,249.46. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Matich to authorize the Wolf Track Classic organizers to block off area of the civic center parking lot for the day of the event. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Hiltunen to decline Saint Louis County's offer to purchase the property located at 513 Main Street for economic development. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to appoint Josh Villebrun as the interim Second Assistant Ambulance Director, Dena Suihkonen as the interim Assistant Ambulance Director, and Kim Mattila as an interim Ambulance working supervisor. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Broten to sell the John Deere Snow Blower attachment to Wayne Dahl for \$1,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Matich to accept Kalee Bjorgo's resignation from the Tower Area Ambulance Service. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty to set the Ambulance Director pay at \$1,800.00 per month, Interim Assistant Ambulance Director at \$400.00 per month, Second Assistant Ambulance Director at \$300.00 per month, Ambulance Working Supervisor at \$300.00 per month, and the Ambulance Training Officer at \$500.00 per month. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to set the Maintenance Working Foreman's longevity pay at \$28,100.00 annually and the City Clerk Treasurer's longevity pay to \$10,350.00 annually. Councilors Dougherty, Hiltunen, and Matich and Mayor Carlson assented. Councilor Broten dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to increase the 2017 City Tax Levy by 4.5%. Councilors Dougherty, Hiltunen, and Matich and Mayor Carlson assented. Councilor Broten dissented. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to adjourn. Time out was 7:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith  
City Clerk Treasurer