

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
February 11, 2019
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Beldo, and Kringstad

Absent: Anderson and Fitton

Also Present: L Keith and Terri Joki-Martin

Visitors: Jason Sanderson, Keith Nyman, Jason Chopp (SEH), Steve Altenburg, John Burgess, Sheldon Majerle, Marshall Helmberger, Jodi Summit, Andy Peterson, Muriel Scott, Lynn Scott, Tony Sikora, Steve Wilson, Richard Hanson, Erik Skoog, and Mary Shedd

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to accept the agenda as amended with the striking of 8.3 Ambulance Director Wage and 9.1A Lenci Enterprises, Pay Estimate 7A and the addition of 8.4 Planning and Zoning Commission and TEDA. Councilors The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to table item 3 Meeting to discuss misconduct allegations. Councilors Abrahamson and Beldo assented. Mayor Kringstad dissented. The motion carried.

5:40PM Councilor Anderson Steps in.

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Anderson to close the meeting pursuant to statutes 13D.05 for employee performance evaluation of the City Clerk Treasurer at 5:44PM. The motion carried unanimously.

6:20PM Councilor Fitton steps in.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to re-open the meeting at 6:50PM. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to engage the services of independent investigator to research and review the complaint filed against Mayor Kringstad. Councilors Anderson and Fitton assented. Councilor Abrahamson dissented. Councilor Beldo and Mayor Kringstad abstained. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Fitton to approve the

January 14, 2019 minutes as presented. Councilors Abrahamson, Anderson, Beldo, and Fitton assented. Mayor Kringstad dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Beldo to approve the January 28, 2019 minutes as presented. Councilors Anderson, Beldo, and Fitton assented. Councilor Abrahamson abstained. Mayor Kringstad dissented. The motion carried.

Public Input Marshall Helmberger spoke about the video taping council meetings and posting the videos for public access on the City's website.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to accept and approve the reports from Officers, Engineers, Commissions, and Committees. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Abrahamson to have council minutes available for Council review within one week of the council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Abrahamson to have the clerk investigate better sound equipment for council meeting videos. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to approve Lenci Enterprises Pay Estimate # 7 in the amount of \$240,350.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Abrahamson to have the City Clerk Treasurer draft a resolution supporting the acceleration of improvements to Trunk Highway 169 between Tower and Virginia. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to approve TNT Aggregates Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$51, 915.60. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to approve Nordic Group's pay estimate #1 in the amount of \$36,003.58. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Beldo to hire Marilyn Hannan as a Paid on Call EMT. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to hire Sparkbusters Electric to convert the interior Civic Center lights to LED at a cost not to exceed \$2,450.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to accept the resignation of Dave Bjorgo. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Fitton to award Bjorgo \$11,670.00 for his retirement to be paid quarterly in 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Fitton to promote Tom Gorsma to Maintenance Working Foreman effective May 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to establish an interview committee of Beldo, Bjorgo, Fitton, Gorsma, and Keith to conduct interviews for a new maintenance worker. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to adjourn. Time out was 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer