

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
February 13, 2017
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Carlson, Dougherty, Fitton, and Matich

Absent: Anderson

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Marshall Helmberger, Jason Chopp, Tony Sikora, and Steve Altenburg

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

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of 8.6 Ordinance regarding applying for IRRRB Funding and 8.7 2017 4th of July Finances. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

None

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from the Vermilion Country School regarding an upcoming Mental Health Workshop they will be hosting.

5:40PM Councilor Anderson steps in.

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

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to adopt the 2017 Reorganization Chart as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Tower Reorganization</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">2017</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Rate</p>
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Mayor	Josh Carlson	\$ 300.00
Councilor	Lance Dougherty	\$ 200.00
Councilor	Brad Matich	\$ 200.00
Councilor	Brooke Anderson	\$ 200.00
Councilor	Kevin Fitton	\$ 200.00
Acting Mayor	Lance Dougherty	
City Attorney	Andy Peterson, Cope & Peterson	
City Engineer	Short, Elliott, & Hendrickson	
City Depositories	Frandsen Bank & Trust Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union	
Designated Investment Consultant	Nick Skarich (Dougherty & Company LLC)	
Monthly Meeting Date, Time, & Place	Second & Fourth Mondays 5:30PM City Council Chambers	
Check Signatories (Mayor, Acting Mayor & Clerk)	Josh Carlson Lance Dougherty Linda Keith	
Official Newspaper	Timberjay	
Meal Reimbursement	Dinner	\$ 25.00
	Lunch	\$ 20.00
	Breakfast	\$ 15.00
Mileage Reimbursement	Per Federal Mileage Rate	53.5 Cents
Charter Commission	Julie Johnson Randy Johnson	

Jodi Reichensperger
Steve Altenburg
Dena Suihkonen
Stephanie Carlson
Sheldon Majerle

**Tower Economic
Development
Authority**

2 Members shall own Businesses within
Tower, 2 Shall be residents of Tower, 1
At Large Member and 2 Council Rep

Joan Broten (Resident) (2017)

Brad Matich (Council Rep) (2018)
Marshall Helmberger (Business Owner)
(2019)
Brooke Anderson (Council Rep) (2020)
Marit Kringstad (Resident) (2021)
Steve Peterson (At Large) (2022)
Victoria Meloche (Business Owner))(2022)

Harbor Committee

Josh Carlson (Council Rep)
Linda Keith (City Hall)
Steve Altenburg (At Large)

**Commercial
Rehabilitation**

Brad Matich (Council Rep)
Josh Carlson (Mayor)
Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)
Diane Meehan (Frandsen Representative)
Sunday Young (EVFCU Representative)

Gundersen Trust

(3 yr Terms) (3 at Large, 2 Forest
Board Members & 2 Council Rep)

Jesse Gornick (2019) (AL)

Linda Keith (2017) (AL)
Brooke Anderson (2019) (FB)
Lance Dougherty (2018) (CR)
Valerie Lenci (2017) (AL)
Sheldon Majerle (2019) FB
Josh Carlson (2018) (CR)

Forestry Board

Sheldon Majerle (2017)

(3 Yr Terms 1 Council Rep)

Steve Wilson (2017)

Bob Heisel (2016)

Doug Carter Sr. Open Seat (2016)

Brooke Anderson (2018) Council Rep

Zoning Administrator

Linda Keith

Planning & Zoning Commission

Victoria Meloche (2018)

(1 Council Rep & Zoning Administrator 3 yr Terms)

Kevin Fitton (2019) (Council Rep)

Jeff Hill (2017)

Morgan Carlon (2019)

Steve Altenburg (2017)

Board of Adjustment

Sheldon Majerle (2017)

(3 Yr Terms must be residents of City)

Steve Abrahamson (2019)

Lance Dougherty (2018) (Council Rep)

Blight Officers

Mayor

City Clerk Treasurer

Blight Committee

City Clerk Treasurer

Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Maintenance Working Foreman

Maintenance Worker

Full Council

Tower Breitung Area Fire & Rescue Board

Josh Carlson (Mayor)

Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

Ambulance Department

Director - Steve Altenburg

\$

1,800.00

\$

Assistant Director

700.00

\$

Secoond Assistant Dirctor - Dena Suikkonen

300.00

\$

Training Officer - Nick Levens

500.00

EMT Work Loss

\$20.00

Reimbursement Rate

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/hr

**Ambulance
Commission**

Steve Altenburg (Ambulance Director)
Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)
Brad Matich Alternate (Council Rep)

**Emergency
Management Director**

Jesse Anderson

\$
200.00

Fire Department

Chief - Steve Altenburg

\$
500.00

Assistant Chief - Lance Dougherty

\$
275.00

Secretary - Stephanie Carlson

\$
50.00

Training Officer - Josh Carlson

\$
200.00

Captain / Safety Officer - Mike Raj

\$
225.00

Police Commission

Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)

Steve Altenburg (At Large)

Airport Commission

Sheldon Majerle (At Large)

Bruce Carlson (At Large)

Rick Worringer (At Large)

John Burgess (At Large)

Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)

**Tower Breitung
Wastewater Board**

Brad Matich (Council Rep)

Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

**Public Utilities
Commission**

Stephanie Carlson (Tower Resident)

Kevin Fitton (Council Rep)

**Public Property
Commission**

Stephanie Carlson (Tower Resident)

Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

**Lodging Tax
Commission**

Josh Carlson (Council Rep)

Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)

Liquor Commission

Brad Matich (Council Rep)
Dena Suihkonen (Tower Resident)

Jesse Anderson (Breitung Police Chief)

**Gambling
Commission**

Jesse Gornick (Tower Resident)
Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

Grievance Committee

Brooke Anderson (Council Rep)
Lance Dougherty (Council Rep)

Steve Altenburg (Tower Citizen)

**AFSCME Negotiation
Committee**

Full Council

**MAPE Negotiation
Committee**

Full Council

**Employee Relations
Committee**

Kevin Fitton (Council Rep)
Josh Carlson (Council Rep)
Lance Dougherty (Council Rep Alternate)

**Joint Powers
Recreation Board**

Brooke Anderson (Council Rep)
Linda Keith (Clerk Treasurer)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to authorize Jason Chopp, SEH Engineering to proceed with designing and planning the 2017 Hoodoo Point Sewer Project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to give the 2nd reading of Ordinance 36 an Ordinance amending the cable communications franchise ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Anderson to submit the 2016 Pay Equity Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Anderson to increase the

Deputy Clerk Treasurer's Hours to thirty five hours per week. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to resolve that Whereas, The authorizing authority of the City of Tower approves the application on behalf of the Tower Economic Development Authority and acceptance of grants from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) for any and all economic development projects within the City of Tower; and Whereas, The authorizing authority hereby agrees to accept funding for the underlying project if approved by the IRRRB; NOW, THEREFOER BE IT RESOLVED, that the authorizing authority of the City of Tower does hereby adopt this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to utilize Central Payment Systems for the processing of Hoodoo Point Credit Card transactions. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Anderson to resolve that **Whereas**, The City of Tower pursuant to action taken has met to review and finalize the 2017 Water and Sewer Fund Deposits.; and **Whereas**, following their review, the City Council of the City of Tower has determined that the Final 2017 Water Budget be set at \$126,906.00; and **Whereas**, following their review the City Council of the City of Tower has determined that the Final 2017 Sewer Budget shall be set at \$80,100.00; and **Now therefore be it resolved** the City Council of the City of Tower has adopted the Final Budget for 2017; **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 Dougherty to instruct the City Clerk's office to control the finances for 2017 Tower 4th of July Parade. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Matich to adjourn. Time out was 6:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer