

City Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
City of Tower  
February 25, 2019  
Monday @ 6:00PM  
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Anderson, Beldo, Fitton, and Kringstad

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Dan Nylund, Steve Altenburg, Sheldon Majerle, Marshall Helmberger, Jodi Summit, Andy Peterson, Tony Sikora, Richard Hanson, Erik Skoog, Michael Wood, Dave Rose, and Ron Abrahamson Sr.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to hire an investigator at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 to investigate the alleged misconduct allegations against the Mayor. Councilors Beldo and Abrahamson dissented. Councilors Fitton and Anderson assented. Mayor Kringstad abstained. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to contact the League of Minnesota Cities regarding the possibility of hiring a mediator to mediate the misconduct allegations alleged against Mayor Kringstad. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Abrahamson to close the meeting at 6:30PM pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 for employee misconduct allegations against the City Clerk Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Fitton to reopen the meeting at 7:38PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Erik Skoog gave public input regarding a breach of private employment data.

Dave Rose gave public input regarding his proposed RV Park.

Richard Hanson gave public input regarding the acoustics in the Council Chambers.

Sheldon Majerle gave public input regarding the purchasing policy.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Beldo to hire Benjamin Velcheff as the maintenance worker effective March 11, 2019 pending successful completion of his criminal background check. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to adopt the Ambulance Rig Subsidy Agreement for 2020 – 2022 as presented by Ambulance Director Altenburg. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to accept Randy Johnson's resignation from the Tower Fire Department effective March 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to accept Josh Carlson's resignation as Fire Department Training Officer and to appoint Jesse Gornick to fill the position. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to accept Nicole Carlson's resignation from the Tower Area Ambulance Service. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to request that the City Clerk Treasurer try to get a later time for the Tower Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to authorize the Women's Club to spend a maximum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a new stove and refrigerator for the Tower Civic Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to purchase wetland credits at a total cost of \$8,145.94 for the Pine Street Relocation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Fitton to adopt the 2019 Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Abrahamson to adjourn. Time out was 8:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K Keith  
City Clerk Treasurer