

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
April 11, 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, Stephanie Carlson, Mike Totenhagen, Barbara Rinne, Dave Broten, Adeline Broten, Harlan Broten, Victoria Meloche, Charles Carlson, Matt Witzel, Tony Sikora, Todd Borden, Janet Schultz, Dave Rose, Dale Robertson, Kevin Norby, Steve Altenburg, Gary Ross, Charity Ross, Nate Dostert, and Marshall Helmberger

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 striking of 10.14 City Owned Hoodoo Point Road Property and the adding of Emergency Management Director Replacement, and the 2016 Muzzle Loader Hunt. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Mike Totenhagen spoke on the reviewing of Ordinances, basic zoning requirements, Section 16.02 of Ordinance 82, and guidelines for dealing with neighborhood opposition.

Victoria Meloche spoke regarding business owners afraid of local backlash to local business owners for giving support to the proposed RV Park. Ms Meloche spoke about regulatory taking and impending law suits that can come as a result.

Charlie Carlson spoke regarding the avoidance of hasty decisions and decisions based on feelings not facts.

Todd Borden spoke regarding leaving the parcel zoned as residential and creating additional housing.

Dale Robertson spoke regarding leaving the parcel zoned as it is and is not in favor of

the RV Park in that location.

Kevin Norby spoke regarding not changing the zoning without providing some buffer between the subject parcel and the neighboring properties.

Nate Dostert spoke regarding the Tower Harbor Plan and the city's goal of trying to increase commerce and boat traffic in the river.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received on the Prospector's Trail Alliance and their progress.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to give the first reading of the amendment to the Zoning Map contained in Ordinance 82 changing parcel codes 080-0020-00030, 080-0020-00162, and 080-0020-00035 from Residential 1 to Tower Harbor North. Councilors Hiltunen, Dougherty, and Matich assented. Mayor Carlson assented. Councilor Broten dissented. The motion carried.

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

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

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to refer the issue of the Deputy Clerk's 4 day work schedule to the Employee Relations Committee with Councilor Hiltunen stepping in for Mayor Carlson. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Hiltunen to accept Linda Keith's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to appoint Victoria Meloche to the planning and zoning commission. Council members Dougherty, Hiltunen, and Matich and Mayor Carlson assented. Councilor Broten dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Hiltunen to transfer \$20,000 from the general fund to the 2011 Water Sewer Project Debt and \$20,000 to the Main Street Sewer Project Debt. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to re-hire Matt Skubic as a summer helper for 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Matich to transfer the southern most portion of parcel code 080-0020-00170 to the Tower Cemetery Association. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to resolve that **Whereas**, the City of Tower is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts and bequests for the benefit of the Tower Fire Department pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 471.17; and **Whereas**, Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, has contributed a gift of \$7,500.00 (seven thousand five hundred dollars and no cents); and **Whereas**, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and **Whereas**, all such donations and gifts in kind have been contributed to assist the Tower Fire Department; and **Now therefore be it resolved** the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution and accept the gift from the Bois Forte Tribal Council. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Broten to resolve that **BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Tower, as lead applicant, has the authority to act as legal public sponsor for the application described in the *Request for Designation as a Regional Park or Trail in Greater Minnesota*, and formally supports and authorizes the submission on behalf of the partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as lead applicant we are fully aware of the information provided in the application and related master plan and supporting information as submitted, and intend to continue to work cooperatively with the co-applicants and other partners toward the funding, development and management of the Lake Vermilion Trail, possibly through a Joint Powers Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the Lake Vermilion Trail receive formal designation as a Regional Trail in Greater Minnesota by the Commission, that the appropriate applicant/partner will work with the Commission on funding agreements for the referenced trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the listed applicant certifies that the City will comply with all applicable laws and regulations associated with regional designation and any future grant funding for the City's portion of any Lake Vermilion Trail project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to approve a request from the Tower Firemen's Relief Association for a temporary liquor license for July 4, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Broten to authorize the 4th

of July Committee to close Main Street from Cedar Street to Alder Street for the 4th of July parade. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to authorize the City Clerk Treasurer to advertise for an Emergency Management Director. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and Matich to approve the 2016 muzzle loader special deer hunt with a bag limit of 3, the same permit area as last year, and the same number of permits issued. The motion carried unanimously.

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 7:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer