

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
May 13, 2019
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Beldo, and Kringstad

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith and Terri Joki-Martin

Visitors: Matt Bolf (SEH), Steve Altenburg, Andy Peterson, Dale Horihan, Matt Witzel, Jeff Hill, Cindy Spicer, Amy Hinkel, Richard Hanson, Lee Peterson, John Burgess, Sheldon Majerle, Nancy Larson, Jim Battin, Mary Shedd, Ron Abrahamson Sr, Jodi Summit, Marshall Helmberger, and Tony Sikora

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Abrahamson to accept the agenda with the addition of 5.2 Seating New Councilors. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting noting the meeting location was the Tower Civic Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

Public Input was received from Jodi Summit regarding possible additions to the City's website.

Public Input was received from Nancy Larson regarding drainage issues at the Tower Depot and the upcoming Pine Street Reconstruction Project.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from Your Boat Club regarding East Two River Boat Traffic. The City has some upcoming projects that will involve work in/near the East Two River. The City Council instructed the City Engineer Matt Bolf to include in the project plan set some signage in the East Two River noting that the river is a no wake zone.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to accept Brooke Anderson's resignation from the Tower City Council effective May 9, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to resolve that **Whereas**, the Tower City Council has received the written resignation of Brooke Anderson, effective on May 9, 2019.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota as follows:

1. The Council accepts Brooke Anderson's resignation as described above.
2. The Council declares that a vacancy exists on the Council effective May 13, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kringstad and supported by Abrahamson to appoint Mary Shedd to one of the vacant seats on the Tower City Council. Kringstad withdrew his motion with no dissenting votes.

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

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to table the proposed legal counsel expenditure regarding the grievance committee's authority until the next council meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to table the proposed grievance committee procedures until a full review by City Attorney Andy Peterson has been completed. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to instruct the maintenance team to remove the dilapidated Trailhead Kiosk near the Tower Civic Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to increase the Tower Ambulance Director's pay to \$2,000.00 per month. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to approve Lenci Enterprises, Inc. Pay Estimate 10 in the amount of \$21,188.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to send notification to Lenci Enterprises, Inc. that the City will be enforcing liquidated damages for Lenci's failure to meet project timelines agreed to by contract. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to proceed with a crack sealing and design of an airport equipment building project in 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to accept a Blandin Foundation Grant of \$75,000 on behalf of the local Broadband initiative group and upon receipt create a separate savings account for tracking and accountability of the funds.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to authorize Ambulance Director Altenburg to pursue part-time ALS Licensure for the Tower Area Ambulance Service. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to authorize Ambulance Director Altenburg to pursue an agreement with Virginia Fire Department to work cooperatively to cover additional ALS interfacility transfers from Essentia Virginia. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Beldo and supported by Abrahamson to authorize Ambulance Director Altenburg to secure paid on call coverage for a maximum of twenty-seven additional hours or until 3AM Sunday. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to authorize the City Clerk Treasurer to have the Civic Center Stove converted from electric to propane powered. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to table the TEDA manufacturing building lease updates until the City Engineer can update the building punch list and change orders. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to authorize the City Clerk Treasurer and the City Attorney to work with the Minnesota State Auditor's office to secure proper resolution for improper handling of the economic development loan issued to Tower Vision 2025/Tower Harbor Shores. Councilors Abrahamson and Beldo assented. Mayor Kringstad dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to resolve that **Whereas**, the City of Tower participates in Minnesota Management and Budget's (MMB) biennial process for reviewing state capital investment requests; and **Whereas**, submitting

preliminary project information is a vital component of the state capital investment process, and provides needed background to the Governor and Legislators in determining state investments; and **Whereas**, the City of Tower will seek state funding in 2020 for capital improvements for city projects; and **Whereas**, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) requests preliminary capital budget requests by June 14, 2019, for the 2020 State capital budget preparations; and **Whereas**, this resolution reflects the priorities recommended to be submitted to MMB for consideration in the 2020 state capital investment process; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by The City Council of The City of Tower supports this bonding project for the 2020 legislative session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported Beldo to resolve that Whereas, The authorizing authority of the City of Tower approves the application and acceptance of grants from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) for the redevelopment and removal of a blighted property 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 Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to authorize the transfer of \$2,707.00 in receipts from the Gundersen Trust to the Howard Wagoner Ski Trail Fund for the purpose of updating the groomer. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Abrahamson and supported by Beldo to adjourn. Time out was 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer