

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
June 24, 2019
Monday @ 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Beldo, Kringstad, Majerle, and Shedd

Absent: None

Also Present: A. Lamppa

Visitors: Becky Edwards, Julie Horihan, David Setterberg, Deb Setterberg, Ron Abrahamson, Sr., John Burgess, Amy Hinkel, Lee Peterson, Dan Schultz, Steve Wilson, Marshall Helmberger, Jodi Summit, Richard Hanson, Randy Pratt, Lisa Sanderson, Jason Sanderson, Julia Maki, Dave Rose, Jeff Hill

A motion was made by Shedd supported by Majerle to accept the agenda as amended. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input:

Public input was given by Councilor Shedd addressing an article published in the Tower News on abusing the Open Meeting Law.

Ann Lamppa reported on changes that are being made in the office.

Motion by Kringstad supported by Shedd to replace all positions held by Linda Keith with Ann Lamppa and to finalize the budget committee by adding Orlyn Kringstad, Ann Lamppa and Rachel Beldo. All yes. Motion carried.

Dan Schultz, a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, gave an overview of finances and cash flow.

A motion was made by Kringstad supported by Majerle to approve the Tower Harbor Shores Loan extension through December 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

(Jeremy Schoenfelder, Manager of Tower Harbor Shores, LLC., was live via phone during this discussion.)

A motion was made by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to approve the Trail Easement Amendment written by the DNR and approved by TEDA. All yes. Motion Carried. (Jeremy Schoenfelder, Manger of Tower Harbor Shores, LLC., was live via phone during this discussion.)

Randy Pratt and Richard Hanson presented information on the Blandin Foundation Grant for Wi-Fi at Hoodoo Point. They asked if they could use the City of Tower employees for some in-kind work to satisfy part of the grant specs.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to allow the use of city employees for in-kind labor. All yes. Motion carried.

Hoodoo Point rates and dock purchased were tabled.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to approve the DNR Conflict of Interest Policy. All yes. Motion carried.

John Burgess gave an overview of the Airport Crack/Seal Project. Total project is \$93,000 of which the City would only have to pay is \$4683.50.

Motion by Beldo supported by Majerle to approve the Crack/Seal Project. All yes. Motion carried.

The fencing project at the airport has been completed and final payment of \$400 is due. Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to pay final balance of \$400. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

Steve Altenburg gave an explanation on how the audit adjustments affect the ambulance fund balance.

Airport electric car was tabled.

Motion by Majerle supported by Shedd to accept the resignation of Josh Carlson as an EMT. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Majerle supported by Beldo to hire Isaac Gawboy as a fireman. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Beldo to hire Amy Heglin as an EMT. All yes. Motion carried.

A request to allow three dogs in one dwelling was received. Ordinance #20 only allows two (2) dogs per dwelling.

Motion by Abrahamson to deny an exception to the ordinance died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to start the process to consider making changes to Ordinance #20. All yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on City assets was held.

Motion by Majerle supported by Beldo to hire Attorney Mitch Brunfelt to do an investigation of City finances.

Councilors Majerle and Beldo were asked to amend their motion to include hiring Attorney Mitch Brunfelt for up to 40 hours.

Motion by Majerle supported by Beldo to hire Attorney Mitch Brunfelt on an hourly basis not to exceed forty (40) hours. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kringstad to adjourn. Time: 7:47

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamma
Clerk/Treasurer