

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
July 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: Al Reller, Steve Altenburg, Stephanie Carlson, Jason Chopp, Lee Carlson, and Marshall Helmberger

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

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Dougherty to accept the agenda as amended with the striking of 9.6 Election Judge Replacement. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

None

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from the Department of Health regarding water quality. Further publication on the specifics of the issue will be published in the local newspapers by the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board.

Correspondence was received from the Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails group noting that the proposed Lake Vermilion bike trail had been granted "High" regional trail distinction which qualifies them for additional funding.

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

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

The ATV Ordinance updates will be tabled until the July 25, 2016 meeting.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to approve a contract with Short Elliott & Hendrickson in the amount of \$69,500.00 for design, engineering, and construction administration for the 2016 Airport Pavement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to resolve that Whereas, The City Council of the City of Tower has heretofore determined that it is beneficial to the City of Tower for Terry Alan Wagoner to acquire tax forfeit property from Saint Louis County that was previously owned by Terry Alan Wagoner;

Whereas, The City of Tower will work cooperatively with Saint Louis County to ensure that the below mentioned parcel is acquired by Terry Alan Wagoner;

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of Tower, Minnesota that the City of Tower requests that Saint Louis County being the process to allow Terry Alan Wagoner and/or if necessary the City of Tower to purchase the following described real estate:

Lot 6 Block 21

080-0010-02470

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Hiltunen to table the acceptance of sewer pump maintenance contracts from Minnesota Pump Works until the July 25, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to accept Stephanie Carlson's resignation from the Deputy Clerk Treasurer position. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to appoint Marshall Helmberger, Joan Broten, and Brad Matich as the hiring committee for the new assistant to the City Clerk Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Hiltunen to table the issue of paying out the Deputy Clerk Treasurer accrued sick leave. Councilors Dougherty, Hiltunen, and Broten assented. Councilor Matich dissented. Mayor Carlson abstained. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Dougherty to table the issue of hiring an interim secretary / temporary to fulfill some of the duties of the Deputy Clerk Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Hiltunen to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to offer the land owner at 511 Main Street to split the costs of the tear down of the building on his property in the following manner: \$5,000 paid by Saint Louis County, \$5,000 paid by the landowner, and \$5,000 to be paid by the City and reimbursed by the land owner via a monthly payment plan. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Broten to pay all bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to adjourn. Time out was 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer