

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
July 22, 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: Dave Setterberg, Deb Setterberg, John Bassing, Julie Horihan, Richard Hanson, Lee Peterson, Dave Rose, Cynthia Spicer, Tony Sikora, Jodi Summit, Marshall Helmberger, Nancy Larson, Steve Altenburg

Motion by Majerle supported by Shedd to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 6.15 SEH Change Order. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input:

Julie Horihan thanked the council for serving the public so well.

Jodi Summit spoke about a Blandin Grant that the Charter School was receiving for Wi-Fi and wants the City's permission to do some work inside the building to accommodate this.

David Ross presented a trail plan that would not impact the wetlands.

Correspondence:

From office staff on office hours for the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Kringstad reported that a member of the MN Bureau of Mediation Services will be here on July 31, 2019 to conduct a mediation session between the City and the suspended Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by Kringstad supported by Abrahamson to appoint Mary Shedd, Randy Johnson and the Clerk/Treasurer to the Campground Committee. All yes. Motion carried.

John Bassing from the Broadband Committee reviewed the projects that they are working on. He also stated that the Blandin Foundation was looking for donations for a Feasibility Study.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to donate \$1,000 to the Blandin study. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Beldo to move the first council meeting of the month to the Tower Civic Center. This will begin with the August 12th meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the storage of emergency vehicles. A long-term solution is needed.

Motion by Majerle supported by Abrahamson to have Councilors Shedd and Beldo work with the Ambulance Supervisor and Clerk/Treasurer to come up with some recommendations. All yes. Motion carried.

Councilors Shedd and Majerle will work on a standard protocol for all written reports from Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Departments.

Motion by Beldo supported by Abrahamson to increase the drinking water service connection fee from \$6.36 to \$9.72, effective January 1, 2020 as approved by the Minnesota Legislature. All yes. Motion carried

WEE Cabin Company inquired about an available rental space. The Lamppa Building does have adequate space.

Motion by Beldo supported by Majerle to work with the WEE Cabin Company.

Motion by Beldo supported by Shedd to amend the motion to include sending this information on to TEDA for review. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Majerle to approve Pay Request #8A in the amount of \$26,125.00 to Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for the Lamppa Manufacturing Project. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Majerle to approve Pay Request #12 in the amount of \$32,250.15 to Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for the Lamppa Manufacturing Project. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beldo supported by Majerle to sign the CTC Agreement for Hoodoo Point Wi-Fi. The Agreement is for 6 months at \$350.19 per month. All yes. Motion carried.

After seeing supporting documents that showed a need for a full time Deputy Clerk, a Motion was made by Majerle supported by Beldo to make the Deputy Clerk Position full-time. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion on why there is a need to rent two storage units was held. The two units are rented by the Fire Department. Working with the Maintenance Department, the Fire Department will try and reduce to one unit. Also, the Fire Chief will look into options for the fill station which is housed in the second unit.

Motion by Majerle supported by Beldo to approve payment of the balance due of Pay App #2 in the amount of \$5,512.42 to the Nordic Group. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Beldo to approve payment of \$52,453.30 to Nordic Group, from Pay App #3. All yes. Motion carried.

Pay App #4 to Nordic Group was tabled.

Motion by Beldo supported by Majerle to send a claim to the LMC Insurance Trust for the destroyed computer. The motion was retracted, and this item will be added to the agenda of the next council meeting.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Majerle to approve Change Order #TOWER 134920 71.50 in the amount of \$12,800.00 for the Tower Trails Project. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beldo to adjourn. Time 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
Clerk/Treasurer