

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
July 31, 2017
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Tower City Council was called to order by Mayor Josh Carlson.

Present: Carlson, Dougherty, and Fitton

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Greta Tuominen, Sheldon Majerle, Jo Miller, Dave Rose, Steve Altenburg, Marshall Helmberger, Dave Bjorgo, Amanda Metsa, Randy Johnson, Orlyn Kringstad, Tony Sikora, Kelly Ahern, John Burgess, and Brian Schanche

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Dougherty as amended with the addition of 4.4 Correspondence from Hoodoo Point Seasonal Campers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Dougherty to accept the bid from Terry Hildreth and Carol Saint John in the amount of \$36,000.00 for the purchase of the property located on Hoodoo Point Road. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to authorize the City Clerk Treasurer to submit a letter of support to the US Department of Agriculture on behalf of the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Fitton to authorize SEH/ Jason Chopp to release the bid documents two weeks following permit submission to the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to authorize Maintenance Foreman Johnson to cooperatively purchase with Breitung Township a utility trailer at a cost for Tower's share not to exceed \$2,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to authorize SEH/Matt Bolf to engage the services of Braun Intertec to conduct soil borings in the harbor area at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to close the Tower City Council meeting for the purposes of negotiation at 6:15PM. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to re-open the Tower City Council meeting at 7:15PM. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to make the following changes to the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Unit Contract:

- 1) The Contract shall be adopted for 2018 and 2019.
- 2) All positions shall receive a 3% increase in 2018 and a 3% increase in 2019.
- 3) All positions called in to work on a Sunday or Holiday shall be entitled to be paid at a rate of time and one half. Compensation earned cannot be taken in compensatory time and must be paid to the employee at the next regularly scheduled payroll date.
- 4) The HSA allotment for part time employees shall be set at \$1,500.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Matich to make the following changes to the MAPE Collective Bargaining Unit Contract:

- 1) The City Clerk Treasurer position will be changed to a salary exempt position.
- 2) The City Clerk Treasurer will be granted 3 additional days of vacation in lieu of compensatory time for evening meetings.
- 3) The City Clerk Treasurer position will receive a \$3,500.00 annual contribution into a Health Savings Account.
- 4) The City Clerk Treasurer will be granted Christmas Eve as a paid holiday.
- 5) The Contract shall be adopted for 2018 and 2019
- 6) The City Clerk Treasurer position shall receive a 3% increase in 2018 and a 3% increase in 2019

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Dougherty to adjourn. Time out was 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer