

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
July 8, 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: Nancy Larson, Steve Altenburg, Amy Hinkel, John Burgess, Julie Horihan, Deb Setterberg, David Setterberg, Lee Peterson, Jodi Summit, Marshall Helmberger, Steve Wilson, Michael Wood, Mike Larson, Matt Bolf, Joe Pelawa, Cindy Spicer, Jeff Hill, Kathryn Scott, Glenn Peterson, Tony Sikora, Robert Keith

Motion by Rachel Beldo supported by Mary Shedd to accept the agenda as amended.
All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Majerle supported by Abrahamson to approve the corrected minutes of June 24, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beldo supported by Abrahamson to approve the minutes of July 1, 2019 as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input:

Joe Pelawa from Bolton & Menk Engineers introduced himself, just to let the council know that there is another engineering firm in the area.

Dave Rose offered an easement over his property for the connecting trail to the Mesabi Trail if it was needed.

Mayor Kringstad praised the city maintenance staff for help in preparing for the July 4th activities. He also thanked the 4th of July Committee for a job well done.

Correspondences:

Two letters were received and read to the council and visitors. The first one addressed issues and comments involving the airport. The second one dealt with closing a portion of Spruce Street for 4th of July activities.

Reports:

Harbor Developer, Michael Wood, reported that the Development Agreement had been signed by both parties and that an actual building would probably not get started this year.

SEH Engineering report was given by Matt Bolf. He requested that the City form a Project Committee that would include the Mayor, a councilor, the head of maintenance and himself. This committee would meet once a month.

Motion by Shedd supported by Beldo to form this committee and its members would be Mayor Kringstad, Councilor Abrahamson, Tom Gorsma from the Maintenance Department, Matt Bolf, and a representative from TEDA. All yes. Motion carried.

Bolf also gave a status report on each of the following projects: Harbor – town home development, Pine Street Reconstruction, Harbor LCCMR Trails Project, Harbor LCCMR Trail Head Project, Lamppa Manufacturing and water treatment plant/water main.

Steve Altenburg reported on both the Ambulance and Fire Departments. In the interest of safety and timely entry in case of fire or other emergency, he suggested that the City purchase outside key boxes for City Hall and the Lamppa/TEDA building.

The Police report was received. Chief Dan Nylund noted that the speed sign on the west side of town was not working and requested that the City look into it and to moving it to a different location.

Marshall Helmberger reported that all issues with the lease between TEDA and Lamppa Manufacturing have been resolved. TEDA has also approved all projects submitted by the Broadband Committee.

The Tower Airport Commission has approved the Runway Crack/Seal Project and the State will be here this year to inspect the runway. This information was provided by John Burgess.

Lamppa gave the Treasurer's Report and noted that as of 3:00 today the cash balance in the checking account was \$394,331.76.

Hoodoo Point Manager, Randy Pratt, talked about all the vandalism that was happening at the campground this season. Incidents have been reported to the police department. He also mentioned the broadband project that will make Wi-Fi available to all campers.

The Planning and Zoning Committee did not meet this month.

Nancy Larson gave an overview of all the Cities projects and will continue to work closely with City staff to ensure that all paperwork is completed in a timely manner. The council commended Nancy for all her effort and hard work on the grants.

Motion by Majerle supported by Beldo to approve the revised lease with Lamppa Manufacturing. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Majerle to have Attorney Mitch Brunfelt be the point of contact between the Teamster's Union and City Council. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Majerle supported by Shedd to approve the Interim Clerk/Treasurer contract. All yes. Motion carried.

SEH has been working on the wetland permits for LCCMR ML17. Even though LCCMR ML17 is presently at a standstill, they want to finish the wetland permitting so that when this project is given the go ahead, everything will be in place to start immediately.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to allow SEH to complete and submit the wetland permits. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Majerle to approve the IRRR Resolution for the removal of a basement on Main Street, at no cost to the City. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson to adjourn. Time: 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
Clerk/Treasurer