

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
August 11, 2014
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Tower City Council was called to order by Mayor Stephen Abrahamson.

Present: Abrahamson, Broten, Carlson, Dougherty, and Hiltunen.

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith and S Mayer

Visitors: Fire Chief Altenburg, Sheldon Majerle, Elly Power, Julie Kranz, Christina Hujanen, Jim Charles, Randy Pratt, and Matt Bolf (SEH Engineering).

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Broten to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda with the following amendments:

8.2 Civic Center / Emergency Services Center Roof

8.3 North Second Storm Water Issue

9.9 Comprehensive Plan Committee Selection

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Former conservation officer, Jim Charles gave a presentation and asked for the City's support in urging our state politician's to find a replacement conservation officer for the Lake Vermilion / Tower area. The City Council of Tower supports Mr. Charles and his efforts to get a new conservation officer for this area and will urge state elected leaders to help in these efforts.

Correspondence: None.

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, and Police Department.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to approve the reports from officers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Carlson to approve Josh Zika's application to the Tower Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to accept the Real Estate Listing Contracts as prepared by Lisa Janisch realty. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the contracts is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to complete the roof repairs on the Civic Center, Fire & Ambulance Hall provided funding is available. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Broten to make application to Saint Louis County for permission to work in the right of way to construct a drainage trough per Maintenance Supervisor Johnson's instruction. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Broten to advertise for the position of Hoodoo Point Managers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to hire Stephanie Mayer as the safety director for the City of Tower at a rate of \$200.00 per month effective October 1, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson stating that WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute, Section 203B.121 requires an absentee ballot board when a City has the responsibility to accept and reject absentee ballots and;

WHEREAS, the City of Tower does have the responsibility of accepting and rejecting ballots and;

WHEREAS, the City of Tower does have election judges trained in handling absentee ballots;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tower has appointed Linda Keith and Stephanie Mayer to serve on the Absentee Ballot Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty stating that WHEREAS, the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act of 1991 (WCA) requires local government units (LGU's) to implement the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) pertaining to wetland draining, filing, and excavation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420 have been adopted by BWSR in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, for the purpose of implementing WCA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tower agrees to provide knowledgeable and trained staff with expertise in water resource management to manage the program as required by Minnesota Rule 8420.0200, Subpart 2, Item B; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 8420.0200, Subpart 2, item A requires that each LGU of the State send a written acknowledgement, including a copy of the adopting resolution, to BWSR that it is assuming its responsibilities under chapter 8420 and the act. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tower hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the LGU within the legal boundaries of the City of Tower as of August 11, 2014 in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to allow Immanuel Lutheran Church to block off a half block section of Spruce street directly in front of the Immanuel Lutheran Church for the purposes of a Block Party. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Broten to purchase the northern and easterly portion of Parcel Code # 080-0020-00030 for a purchase price of \$35,000. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to authorize Saint Louis County to construct a temporary logging road on City of Tower property located near the Sherman Road. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to appoint Dan Broten, Sheldon Majerle, and Steve Altenburg to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Broten and supported by Carlson to adjourn. Time out was 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer