

City of Tower  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 26, 2019  
Monday @ 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Beldo, Kringstad, Majerle, Shedd

Absent: None

Also Present: Lamppa

Visitors: Richard Hanson, Lynn Scott, Muriel Scott, Bob Pratt, Nancy Larson, Louise Gately, Linda Haugen, John Burgess, Amy Hinkel, Jodi Summit, Marshall Helmberger, Julie Horihan, Lee Peterson, Cindy Spicer, Ron Abrahamson, Jeff Hill, Tony Sikora, James Battin, Jason Sanderson

Motion by Shedd supported by Beldo to accept the agenda as presented. All yes.  
Motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter from the previous Clerk/Treasurer was read.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to terminate suspended Clerk/Treasurer Linda Keith. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beldo supported by Majerle to send a termination letter to Linda Keith. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Beldo to appoint the Deputy Clerk to be the City's representative on the Joint Powers Board. All yes. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Andy Peterson, confirmed that an old purchase agreement for the land known as the Forestry Property, was no longer in affect.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to return \$500 earnest money to Ken and Amy Hinkel. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Abrahamson to approve the annexation agreement between the City of Tower and Kugler Township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes #414.0325. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Majerle supported by Shedd to post the job opening for the position of City Clerk/Treasurer. All yes. Motion carried.

Propane bids were received from Lakes Gas, Edwards Oil, and Como. This item was tabled to allow for obtaining further information from each of the bidders. Propane bids will be put back on the agenda for the regular council meeting on September 9, 2019.

Motion by Beldo supported by Shedd to open negotiations with Local 1490. All yes. Motion carried.

Two bids were received for new tires for the city's loader. Each bidder, Taconite Tire and Pomp's Tire provided two bids - one for replacing the tires in Tower and one for doing the work in their respective shops in Virginia. Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to check with the maintenance staff to find out which location was more economical.

Motion by Shedd supported by Abrahamson to accept the bid from Pomp's Tire Service leaving the location where the service is to be performed up to the clerk and maintenance department. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beldo supported by Abrahamson to approve the transfer of hangar lease #5 from Layton Humphry to Dr. Stephen Eckrich. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Majerle supported by Shedd to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TOWER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION. Ayes: Abrahamson, Beldo, Kringstad, Majerle, Shedd. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After a long discussion on unacceptable behavior of the Fire Chief/Ambulance Supervisor, the meeting was ended with no action taken. This issue will be brought up again.

Motion by Majerle to adjourn. Time 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa  
Interim Clerk/Treasurer