

City of Tower
City Council
Regular Meeting
September 23, 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, Shedd
Absent: None
Also Present: A. Lamppa

Visitors: Marshall Helmberger, Jodi Summit, Robert Pratt, Julie Kranz, Randy Pratt, Muriel Scott, Lynn Scott, Amy Hinkel, Dave Rose, Lee Tuominen, Greta Tuominen, Sandra Girard, Lee Peterson, Julie Horihan, Steve Altenburg, Nancy Larson, John Burgess, Ron Abrahamson, Sr., Richard Hanson, Marit Kringstad, Dave Setterberg, Deb Setterberg, Cindy Spicer, Linda Haugen

Motion by Beldo supported by Abrahamson to accept the agenda with the following additions: 6.9 Resignation Letter; 6:10 Hire Attorney; 6.11 Process of hiring Clerk/Treasurer and delete 6.1 Purchasing Policy and 6.8 Appoint representative to Vermilion Trail Board. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input:

Greta Tuominen read a statement on behalf of the seasonal campers at Hoodoo Point Campground expressing concern about raising the seasonal rates.

Dave Rose asked the council to take over the Conditional Use Application for his Tower RV Park. The application has been tied up with the Planning and Zoning Board for over three years.

Correspondence: A grievance has been received from Teamsters Local 320 on behalf of Linda Keith.

Monthly reports were reviewed.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Majerle to have the Ambulance Supervisor/Fire Chief, Steve Altenburg, attend the next TEDA meeting scheduled for October 3rd. All yes. Motion carried.

Interim Clerk/Treasurer, Ann Lamppa, gave a flip chart presentation on how the City became to be in its present financial situation.

The Hoodoo Point Committee proposed increases in rates for the campground.

Seasonal sites: increase of \$300 from \$2700 to \$3000
Daily Rates: lakeshore sites from \$42/night to \$45/night
Non lakeshore from \$36/night to \$40/night

Motion by Shedd supported by Abrahamson to approve the new rates. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TOWER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION. **WHEREAS THE** authority approves the application for the reimbursement of costs for preparing and applying for a grant that will fund city projects through the Application Fund; and **WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority agrees to

accept funding for the underlying projects if approved by IRRRB. NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of the City of Tower does hereby adopt this resolution. Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For: Abrahamson, Beldo, Kringstad, Majerle, Shedd

Against: None

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of September, 2019.

There was a discussion on the cement slab needed for the second half of the TEDA/Lamppa Building. Specs are needed as soon as possible.

Motion by Shedd supported by Abrahamson to hire Steven Freshour as an EMR. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beldo supported by Abrahamson to hire Kristal Strong as an EMR. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to hire Dean Dowden as a fire fighter. All yes. Motion carried

A letter from the City's attorney, Andy Peterson was received. Mr. Peterson has been appointed as a District Court Judge in Minnesota's Sixth Judicial District so will no longer be able to service as the City Attorney.

Motion by Majerle supported by Abrahamson to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TOWER PROCEED IN SELECTING A NEW CITY ATTORNEY. **WHEREAS THE** Andy Peterson has been appointed as a District Court Judge and can no longer serve as the City Attorney; and **WHEREAS THE** City needs legal counsel from time to time; **NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Tower will advertise for a new city attorney; **NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the authorizing authority of the City of Tower does hereby adopt this resolution. Upon vote take thereon, the following voted:

For: Abrahamson, Beldo, Kringstad, Majerle, Shedd

Against: None

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of September, 2109.

Motion by Majerle supported by Abrahamson to allow Mayor Kringstad and Councilor Beldo to travel to Duluth on Wednesday, October 2nd to meet with Attorney Jessica Durbin as recommended by the City's present litigation attorney, Mitch Brunfeld. All yes. Motion carried.

Councilor Shedd gave a status report on the hiring of a new clerk/treasurer.

Motion by Abrahamson to adjourn. Time 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
Interim Clerk/Treasurer