

City Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
City of Tower  
September 26, 2018  
Wednesday @ 5:30PM  
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Tower City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Kevin Fitton.

Present: Anderson, Carlson, Dougherty, and Matich

Absent: None

Also Present: L Keith

Visitors: Ron Abrahamson Sr., Orlyn Kringstad, Dave Rose, Tony Sikora, Mike Larsen, and Marshall Helmberger

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Dougherty to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Anderson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Steve Peterson Jr. (TEDA) spoke briefly about a broadband study they would be looking for the City's support and help with.

Correspondence: The City received correspondence from the Minnesota Department of Health stating that the City was in compliance with THM levels for drinking water as tested the most recent samples taken in August 2018.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Anderson to deny Jim Battin's request for an adjustment to his utility bill. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Matich to approve a quote from C & C winger to repair a section of sidewalk near the Tower Elementary School/Clinic at a cost not to exceed 28,500.00. Councilors Anderson, Fitton, and Matich and Mayor Carlson supported. Councilor Dougherty dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to set the preliminary levy at a ten percent (10%) increase. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Anderson to resolve that **Whereas**, Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS) and many other nonprofit organizations work with thousands of parents all over Minnesota and across the United

States who have experienced the death of a child during pregnancy through early childhood; and

**Whereas**, Many of these parents live in, deliver in, have a child die in, or bury a child in our community; and

**Whereas**, Infants Remembered in Silence (IRIS) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization was founded in 1987, 30 years ago, to support parents whose child/children died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), birth defects, illness, accidents, and all other types of infants and early childhood death; and

**Whereas**, Bereaved parents around the world remember their children annually on October 15 with a candle lighting at 7pm. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while others will remember them in small gatherings around the state, across the nation and around the world; and would unify these parents in tribute to their children; and

**Whereas**, In 1988, President Ronald Regan proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month; and

**Whereas**, In honor of the thousands of children that die each year in Minnesota Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS) respectfully requests that October 15, 2018 be recognized as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day in Tower.

**Now therefore be it resolved** the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution and proclaim October 15, 2018 as day of remembrance for pregnancy and infant loss. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Anderson to resolve that **Whereas**, the City of Tower is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts and bequests for the benefit of the Tower Fire Department pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 471.17; and

**Whereas**, Bois Forte Tribal Reservation, has contributed a gift of \$7,500.00 (seven thousand five hundred dollars and no cents); and

**Whereas**, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

**Whereas**, all such donations and gifts in kind have been contributed to assist the Tower Fire Department; and

**Now therefore be it resolved** the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution and accept the gift from Bois Forte Tribal Reservation. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and supported by Fitton to authorize the City Clerk Treasurer to work with Nordic Group to locate discrepancies and or possible changes in their bid prior to acceptance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Matich to send a request to the legal counsel to adjust the proposed harbor development agreement to include the following items:

- 1) Remove the request for a letter of credit

- 2) Include necessary language to accept a Pay as You Go Tax Abatement Funding option.
- 3) Include the following timelines:
  - a. April 1, 2019 - Notice to proceed with bid letting and construction of infrastructure.
  - b. July 2019 - Construction start date of 1<sup>st</sup> unit of 6 town homes
  - c. July 2020 - Construction completion of 1<sup>st</sup> unit of 6 townhomes
  - d. Pay as You Go Tax Abatement Funds must be confirmed by June 1, 2019.
- 4) Include or remove all other language legal counsel deems necessary.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Fitton and supported by Matich to close the meeting for employee discipline at 7:28PM. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Fitton to re-open the meeting at 7:47PM. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matich and Fitton to request that the City Clerk Treasurer pay all training fees associated with the additional election training Saint Louis County required and to place a copy of Saint Louis County's correspondence summarizing mistakes made during the 2018 Primary election in the City Clerk's personnel file until the successful completion of the next election. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Matich to adjourn. Time out was 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith  
City Clerk Treasurer