

City of Tower
City Council
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2019
Monday @ 5:30 PM
Tower Civic Center

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: Steve Altenburg, Ron Abrahamson Sr., Jason Chopp, Matt Tuchel, Jodi Summit, Richard Hanson, John Bassing, John Burgess, Lee Peterson, Gary Ross, Bob Pratt, Jeff Hill, Amy Hinkel, Tony Sikora

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019. All yes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to approve the minutes of August 26, 2019. All yes.
Motion carried.

No Public Input.

No Correspondence.

Jason Chopp of SEH was present to answer any questions the councilors may have on the monthly engineering report.

Nancy Larson gave the council an update on all grants still pending and a couple of new grants that have been initiated.

The Council received written reports from the Ambulance Department, Fire Department, TEDA, P & Z, Airport, and Police Department. They will have 2 weeks to review these reports and if they have any questions, they will be brought up at the next meeting, September 23rd.

Motion by Beldo supported by Abrahamson to accept the lowest propane bid from Edwards Oil at .959 cents per gallon. All yes. Motion carried.

As the quotes on loader tires were not for the exact same tire, the Maintenance Department requested that the Council take another look at it.

Motion by Shedd supported by Abrahamson to rescind the motion previous motion to award the bid to Pomp's Tire Service. All yes. Motion carried.

After discussion of the difference between 12 ply and 16 ply tires a new motion was presented.
Motion by Abrahamson supported by Kringstad to purchase the 16 ply tires from Taconite Tire. All yes. Motion carried.

Matt Tuchel, an employee of the TBWWB, gave an overview of the three million-dollar (\$3,000,000) bonding request for a surface water treatment system along with a new main line into Tower.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Shedd to resolve that WHEREAS, the communities of Tower and Breitung made a commitment in 1987 to form the Tower Breitung Water, Wastewater Board; and WHEREAS the two communities have been working together ever since and each providing support and funding as required; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tower supports construction of the surface water treatment system and the replacement of the new water main into Tower. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Majerle to approve Amendment #3 to the Joint Cooperation Agreement which is amended as follows:

Section III. "Term of Agreement" Both parties understand and agree that failure by either party to adopt an amendment to the Agreement incorporating all changes necessary to meet the requirements for cooperation agreements set forth in an Urban County Qualification Notice applicable for a subsequent three-year urban county qualification period, and to submit such amendment to HUD as provided in the urban county qualification notice, will void the automatic renewal for such qualification period.

Section V, paragraph thirteen is further amended to add the following provision: 3. A unit of general local government may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer or any portion of such funds to another such metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CBDG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title 1 of the Act. This requirement is contained in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. L. 113-235.

All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Shedd supported by Abrahamson to allow the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to negotiate a new lease with American Tower that is in the best interest of the City and approved by the city attorney. All yes. Motion carried.

Bids were received on two (2) demolition projects: removal of a basement at 711 Main Street and removal of two trailer halves at 805 Main Street. Only one (1) bid was received on the basement removal, which was approved by CDBG. The removal of the trailer halves received two (2) bids as follows: GMen - \$6,150 and CW Dirtworks - \$9,500.

Motion by Majerle supported by Beldo to approve the bid of \$6,150 from GMen. All yes. Motion carried.

The preliminary budget for 2020 was presented to the Council. This budget will continue to be reviewed until the final levy needs to be presented to St. Louis County in December 2019.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Beldo to propose a 10% increase in the annual tax levy of 2019 collectible in 2020. All yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Abrahamson to adjourn. Time 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lamppa, Interim Clerk/Treasurer