

CITY OF TOWER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2010
MONDAY @ 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Abrahamson, Hanson, Heinowski, Hiltunen, Nevala

Absent: None

Also Present: Kotzian, Lamppa

Visitors: Ed Majerle, Bill Kauppinen, Matt Bolf, Ron Abrahamson, Sr., Dave Sorenson, Dan Broten, Jodi Summit, Sheldon Majerle, Rolando Noyes,

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of 8.11: RLK Change Order #2. All yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Heinowski reviewed a correspondence from Cindy Okstad on the breakdown of taxes for area cities and communities.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Heinowski to accept reports from Police Department, Maintenance, Fire Department, Ambulance Department, and Blight Officer. All yes. Motion carried.

Tower Airport Commission: No meeting.

Historic Harbor: Matt Bolf explained that MnDot had missed a step and so the timetable he had presented was already delayed by at least 2 weeks. The authorization to spend the Federal funds had not been done. A meeting was set for Wednesday May 19th at 9:00 am with Matt Bolf, Tim Kotzian, Steve Abrahamson and Tom Heinowski.

Planning and Zoning: No meeting.

TEDA: No report.

A discussion was held on the Boat Launch Concept Plan. The City is moving ahead as planned.

The Sewer Loan Program, which would be for a maximum of three (3) years at two per cent interest (2%), was discussed. Clerk's office to send out an informational letter to find out how many residents would be interested.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hiltunen to appoint the following members to the Charter Commission: Ken Kube, Ed Majerle, Gary Burgess, Jim Macomber, Brian Birk and Dan Broten. All yes. Motion carried.

The Hoodoo Point Electrical Upgrade and City Hall air conditioning will not be done this year.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hiltunen to approve the contracts with Local 1490 and MAPE for January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2011. All yes. Motion carried.

Table the discussion on the Emergency Management Director position pending further information.

Motion by Hanson supported by Heinowski to approve the \$50,000 CDBG Grant that will be used to replace deteriorating water mains and failing sections of sanitary sewer in the north area of Tower and give the Mayor and City Clerk the authority to sign and execute all necessary documents. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to approve the purchase of a new dump box \$14,603.61 and repair frame for \$1,197.32 as quoted by Crysteel Truck Equipment on May 7, 2010.

Table GRE easement acquisition pending further information.

A discussion was held on the sewer license extension with Ron Abrahamson, Sr. Motion by Nevala supported by Heinowski to have our attorney work with Abrahamson's attorney to finalize the sewer license extension. Yes: Hanson, Heinowski, Hiltunen, Nevala. Abstain: Abrahamson. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Heinowski to approve RLK Change Order #2 for extra work to be done in the alley between Alder and Norway at the cost of \$8,087. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to approve the purchase and installation of up to two hundred one (201) back flow preventers for the Hoodoo Point Campground water system. All yes. Motion carried.

Dan Broten spoke on the Firearms Safety Program and asked that the City become involved.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Nevala to accept the donation of all firearms that the American Legion Post 245 has for the Firearm Safety Program. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to approve the temporary liquor

licenses for the American Legion Post 245 and the Tower Firemen's Relief Association. All yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Kotzian presented information on contracting for wetland administration services. The clerk was asked to research whether we should contract with St. Louis County or a private engineering company for this service and make a recommendation.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hiltunen to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Heinowski to adjourn. Time: 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer