

CITY OF TOWER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 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:

Also Present: Kotzian, Lamppa

Visitors: Matt Bolf, Andy Peterson, Ron Abrahamson, Sr., Bill Evans, Jim Macomber, Ann Flannigan, Willie Spelts, Sheldon Majerle, Chris McKenzie, Jodi Summit, Rolando Noyes

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

Under public input, Jodi Summit, representing the Charter School, asked the council to attend a meeting dealing with the renovation of the Tower Soudan School.

A correspondence received from Ken Kube will be sent through the proper channels.

Written reports were received from the Blight Officer, Maintenance Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Clerk's Office and Ambulance Department. Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to accept the reports from the City Departments.

Reports from Commissions and Committees:

Tower Airport Commission had no recommendations to council at this time. Winter storage for equipment is being pursued. There is an opening on the Airport Commission.

Matt Bolf gave an update on the Harbor project. He introduced Chris McKenzie, who is the field engineer for the project. Actual construction started on Wednesday, July 28th and construction meetings are held each Tuesday at 1:30 PM. McKenzie reported that the clearing was completed, all stumps had been removed and utility work had been started.

Planning and Zoning - no meeting.

TEDA - no meeting in July.

A discussion on the Boat Launch Plan and acquiring of property was held. Hanson reported that costs involved in eminent domain were too high and he thought the City should wait until the trial between the two parties is over to purchase the property involved.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to look at acquiring this property again after the summary judgement in September. No vote taken.

Motion amended by Hanson supported by Nevala to look at acquiring this property after the summary judgement in September and put this issue back on the agenda in October. Yes: Nevala, Hanson, Heinowski. No: Hiltunen. Abstain: Abrahamson. Motion carried.

A budget meeting was set for Tuesday, August 24th at 5:30 P.M. This first budget meeting will focus on revenue.

Bolf reported that the Proposed Business Park property is being registered and the plat cannot be filed until this is done. Bolf will attend the TEDA meeting in September with ideas on redefining the business park lots.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to approve Resolution #2010-2 appointing the absentee ballot board of Timothy Kotzian and Ann Lamppa. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hiltunen to approve the closing of Spruce Street in front of the two churches from 5 PM to 9 PM on August 20th for a Block Party. All yes. Motion carried.

Willie Spelts requested to split his 207 foot lot. The Mayor will research this issue.

A discussion was held on creating a trail between Hoodoo Point and McKinley Park.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to work with Breitung Township to create a trail between McKinley park and Hoodoo Point. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hiltunen to amend the Tower Firemen's Relief Association By-laws with the addition of Section 6 Supplemental Benefit, under Article VIII. Language is on file in the City Clerk's Office. All yes. Motion carried.

The Council was made aware of the Highway 169 Task Force Meeting that will be held on August 19th at 6:30 PM at the Tower Civic Center.

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

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to adjourn. Time 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer