

City of Tower  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 19, 2010  
Tuesday @ 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Abrahamson.

Present: Abrahamson, Hanson, Heinowski, Hiltunen, Nevala  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Kotzian, Lamppa

Visitors: Christina Hujanen, Stephanie Gubrud, Rolando Noyes  
Ron Abrahamson, Sr., Randy Semo, Sheldon Majerle, Jodi Summit, Ken Kube

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

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

A correspondence from Geff Griffon was reviewed and will be added to the agenda for the next Planning and Zoning Meeting set for February 24th.

Written reports were received from the Fire Dept, Police Dept, Ambulance Dept, Maintenance Dept, Blight and City Clerk. Fire Chief Noyes reported that a chimney cleaning kit has been purchased and that it would be available for area citizens. Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to accept the reports from officers. All yes. Motion carried.

Commissions and Committees:

Airport Commission - no meeting.

A written harbor reported had been received from Matt Bolf. The land transaction with the Lakoskey family had been completed and the City is in possession of the deed. Construction to start in the middle of May.

Planning and Zoning - no meeting.

TEDA - no meeting.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Nevala to approve the Sunday Liquor License for D'Erick's. All yes. Motion carried.

Wayne Edwards appraised the old forestry property for \$36,000. A discussion was held on advertising the property for sale. It was decided to send this issue to the Planning and Zoning Board for their input.

A discussion was held on the Preliminary Boat Launch Concept Plan and the

purchase of property needed for this project.. The DNR will participate in boat launch project which is slated to begin in 2013.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to approve the concept plan. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Nevala to authorize the committee to negotiate the purchase of the property designated for the boat launch area and appoint Hanson, Niemiste, Kotzian and Bolf as the negotiation committee. All yes. Motion carried.

The City/St. Louis County land exchange was discussed. The next step is for the Forestry Board to go over the appraisals.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Nevala to approve Pay Estimate #5 with Jola and Sopp for \$3,462.75. All yes. Motion carried.

Mediation update: Local 1490 is scheduled to meet with the mediator and Council on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and Local #1 to meet with the mediator and Council on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Councilor Hanson gave an update on City/Cathcart land issue. Motion by Hanson supported by Heinowski to have Hanson and Nevala proceed with this issue.

The committee of Abrahamson and Hiltunen will interview the candidates for the Emergency Management Director position and this should be completed before the next regular council meeting.

Randy Semo requested that the City have more control over vendors during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Adding language to the Vendor Permit about no parking in the street right- of-way and staying off sidewalks should eliminate this problem.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Nevala to approve the 2010 Reorganization Chart as presented and placed on file in the Clerk's Office and to appoint Ken Kube to oversee recruitment of members for the Charter Commission. All yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to adjourn. Time 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer