

CITY OF TOWER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 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, Hiltunen, Nevala

Absent: Heinowski

Also Present: Kotzian, Lamppa

Visitors: Kevin Friebe, Dale Moore, Don Sederstrom, Ken Kube, Walt Kufat, Kerry Huddleston, Jim Macomber, Ann Flannagan, Marion Sederstrom, Ron Abrahamson, Sr. Jane Sundeen, John Jamnick Sheldon Majerle

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

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to accept the agenda

with the addition of 9.10 Depot Trim and 9.11 Dog Issue. All yes. Motion carried.

Public input: Ken Kube asked for the right to speak on the T-S Historical Society request when the issue arrives on the agenda.

Correspondences: Peter Wargowsky sent a letter about the damage sustained to his car by contractors Jola & Sopp.

Marion Sederstrom addressed council thanking them for purchasing flags for Main Street and also gave them a report on Miss TS activities.

Written reports were received from the Police Department, Blight Officer, Fire Department, Ambulance Department, Maintenance, and Clerk's Office.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to accept the reports. All yes. Motion carried.

Reports from Commissions and Committees:

Tower Airport - no report.

Historic Harbor - the council need to approve IRR Public Works Grant for \$500,000.

P & Z - no report.

TEDA - no report.

The Mayor is still pursuing what avenue to take in the position of the Emergency Management Director.

Great River Energy gave a proposal of \$19,900 for an easement to cross city land by the DNR building. The Mayor and City Clerk will study this issue further.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to approve the hangar transfer request from Frerich to Levin. All yes. Motion carried.

Local resident, Walter Kufat, has requested to have 3 dogs at his residence. The City's ordinance allows only 2 dogs per home.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to table this issue for further study. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion on auto sales was held. The main issue was, "Can you sell used auto's on your property when that is not the nature of your business?" More clarification is needed and this issue will be sent to Planning & Zoning.

D'Erick's requested a clarification of closing a street. If a business asks the City Council to close a street for an event, does that business have control over that area for the length of the closing permit? The Clerk will check with the insurance company and the LMC to help get an answer.

As Christina Hujanen was unable to attend this meeting, the issue of blight was tabled.

The Miss TS Committee is still reviewing the by-laws and requested to put this back on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Iron Ore requested to block Pine Street from the bridge to Hwy 135 on July 24th from 3:00 PM to Midnight for a Blues Festival.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Nevala to allow the closing of Pine Street if the Iron Ore Bar meets all insurance requirements as recommended by the City's insurance company. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to approve the Community Business Partnership Grant annual report. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to approve Pay Estimate #6 to Jola & Sopp in the amount of \$76,832.48.

The Tower Soudan Historical Society requested the use of the kiosk to use as center for collecting aluminum cans. After discussing the issue, it was decided that