

CITY OF TOWER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 14, 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: Greg Knutson, Rolando Noyes, Kevin Friebe, Bernie Zollar, Ed Majerle

Matt Bolf, Jodi Summit, Sheldon Majerle, Ken Kube

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 as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

A correspondence from Bill and Linda Abbot was reviewed and the Mayor will discuss the matter with the campground manager and the Abbots.

Reports from officers: Reports were received from the Blight Officer, Police Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, and Clerk's Office. No maintenance report.

Fire Chief Noyes reported that the practice burn set for June 19 will be rescheduled at a later date.

Ambulance Supervisor Zollar stated that it is time to get a new ambulance and that he will have more information available by the next council meeting.

The Clerk reported that letters went out to all residents who would be affected by the latest sewer replacement plan to see if they would be interested in the City's sewer loan program; filings for City Council open on August 3 and close on August 17th; and he explained the Fiber Optics project that is being done by Northeast Service Coop.

Deputy Friebe reported that extra deputies would be on duty for the 4th of July.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to accept the reports from officers. All yes. Motion carried.

Reports from Commissions and Committees:

Tower Airport Commission - no report

Historic Harbor - later on agenda

Planning and Zoning: no report

TEDA - no report

Greg Knudson from Walker, Giroux and Hahne presented an overview of the 2009 audit. Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to accept the 2009 audit report. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Emergency Management Director. The Mayor will research this issue further.

Arrowhead Construction presented a change order for the Hoodoo Point Bathroom Project, which increased the total cost of the project by \$2,975.20.

Motion by Hanson supported by Hiltunen to approve the change order in the amount of \$2,975.20. All yes. Motion carried.

The Harbor Project bids were opened on June 14, 2010 and are as follows:

Ulland Brothers\$4,376,000.00

Hoover Construction\$4,213,193.50

KGM\$3,901,327.89

Park Construction\$4,602,457.83

USA\$3,994,254.70

Northland\$4,387,729.24

The engineer's estimate was \$4.1 million and the apparent low bid is from KGM at 3.9 million. The bid will be awarded on July 6th by St. Louis County.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to recommend that St. Louis County awards County State Aid Project No. SP 69-596-005 and SP 6903-1 to KGM Construction in the amount of \$3,901,327.89. The City recognizes the local match required by Tower is \$1,966,715.71. The breakdown of the local match is \$1,312,408.01 for TH 135, \$328,984.40 for TH 169, and \$325,323.30 for TH 169 Bridge. All yes. Motion carried.

Matt Bolf presented a Harbor Project Amendment Request SEH No. A-TOWER0703.00 in the amount of \$238,709 for services provided and a proposal for the construction administration services for Harbor Phase 1 work in the amount of \$372,600, SEH No TOWER 112194.

Motion by Hanson supported by Hiltunen to approve Amendment Request #A-TOWER0703.00 for \$238,709 and Construction Services, Phase 1 #TOWER 112194 for \$372,600. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hiltunen to approve the USDA Grant of \$75,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute all necessary documents. All yes. Motion carried.

Jodi Summit asked for the Council's support for the proposed Tower-Soudan Charter School.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to approve the "Resolution in Support of Proposed Tower-Soudan Charter School" which is on file at the City Clerk's Office. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to enter into the Community Coalition Joint Powers Board Agreement contingent upon the approval of the City Attorney. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Hiltunen to place new EMTs, Josh Carlson and Dena Suihkonen, on the ambulance roster effective June 15, 2010, and also put Nick Levens, Steve Altenburg, Tera Kultala, Nick Bjorgo, Pam Frazee, and Sara Schmidt on the roster once their credentials arrive, as recommended by Ambulance Supervisor Zollar. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on 4th of July activities and the use of the city garage and some streets.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hanson to allow D'Ericks to use the city garage and to close Birch Street from Main Street to South 2nd Street on July 3rd. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion Hanson supported by Nevala to allow liquor licensees to expand their operation outside of their designated building for the 4th of July City celebration as long as they stay on their own property. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Hiltunen to approve Randy Semo's request to close Poplar Street from Main Street to South 2nd Street on July 2nd and 3rd. All yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer