

City of Tower
Regular Council Meeting
April 14, 2010
Wednesday @ 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: Catherine Burt, Troy Swanson, Ron Abrahamson, Sr., Christina Hujanen, Sheldon Majerle, Jodi Summit, John Jannick, Dale Aukee, Rolando Noyes

Motion by Hiltunen 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 by the Clerk/Treasurer with the following additions: 8.5 Negotiations and 8.6 Sewer Loan Program. All yes. Motion carried.

Written reports were received from the Police Department, Blight Officer, City Clerk, Ambulance Department and Fire Department. No maintenance report.

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

Tower Airport Commission: Nothing to report.

Harbor: The Army Corp permit is the last one needed and should be here the week of April 26th. The County is putting together the bid package and will be able to bid the project as soon as the Army Corp permit has been received. Heinowski requested a financial report by the next meeting.

Planning and Zoning: No quorum. No meeting.

TEDA: Hanson reported that TEDA will allow use of their vacant properties for events. The user must pay the \$200 event fee and follow all rules and regulations as set up by the City for use of the Civic Center.

A discussion was held on the sewer lift station license.

Motion by Hanson supported by Heinowski to turn this issue over to the City Attorney and have him advise us on what to do. All yes. Motion carried.

Dale Aukee from Great River Energy presented an easement request for the

transmission line extending out of Tower substation and crossing Hwy 135. Matt Bolf will take a look at easement to see how it affects the new business park. Comparable sales will be used to determine price per acre that the City wants to receive.

John Jammick informed the Council that the design work on the 2010 Water/Sewer Project was about 75% complete and that we should be ready to go out for bids in a couple of weeks.

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to approve the agreement between the Department of the Army and the City of Tower for Design and Construction Assistance for the City of Tower North Area Water and Sewer Improvements Project and to authorize the Mayor and City/Clerk to sign and execute all Army Corp documents related to this project. All yes. Motion carried.

A meeting has been set for Friday, April 16th at 9:00 AM to review the Boat Launch Concept Plan.

Both unions have requested another mediation session, waiting for the mediator to set a date.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hiltunen to hire Travis Benck, Tucker Majerle, and Ariana Suihkonen for the summer. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Heinowski to purchase 30 new tables for Civic Center. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen by Heinowski to authorize Bernie Zollar to conduct the private sewer inspections for the 2010 Water/Sewer Project. All yes. Motion carried.

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is set for May 4, 2010 from 6 to 7 PM in the City Council Chambers.

A letter was received from Mike Potts requesting to cut dead ash trees at the airport to use for firewood. The City has a firewood permit which will be issued to Mr. Potts.

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

Motion by Hanson supported by Nevala to adjourn. Time: 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa