

City of Tower  
Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2012  
Monday @ 5:30PM  
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Tower City Council was called to order by Mayor Stephen Abrahamson.

Present: Abrahamson, Carlson, Dougherty, and Hiltunen

Absent: Nevala

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Dale Moore, Steve Altenburg, Jim Carlson, Randy Johnson, Bernie Sarkela, Randy Semo, Timothy Kotzian, Polly McDonald, Nick Levens, Tera Kultala, Bernie Zollar, Sheldon Majerle, Ed Majerle, Matt Tichel, Terry Wagoner, Bob Reichensperger Jodi Summit, and Matt Bolf (Short, Elliot, & Hendrickson).

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty supported by Carlson to accept the agenda with the following additions:

8.2 North Second Street Stop signs vs. Children at Play Signs

9.12 Hiring New Ambulance Training Officer

9.13 2013 Budget

All voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: Correspondence was received from the Tower Soudan Historical Society recognizing the need for law enforcement coverage as well as providing a resume for an individual interested in applying for a law enforcement officer position with the City of Tower.

Correspondence was also received from Hal Henning (Gilbert Law Enforcement Officer) regarding the possibility of having him assist us with securing law enforcement coverage with Breitung Township and/or other neighboring townships.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to accept the reports from Officers. All yes. The motion carried unanimously.

An updated Public Utility Policy was submitted for comment and concern. The policy will be formally drafted and presented for council review and acceptance at the next meeting.

North Second Street Speed Issues - There are a significant number of "Caution Children At Play" or "Slow School Zone" signs on North Second Street. The City Clerk Treasurer was directed to investigate the possibility of adding two stop signs to North Second Street.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to accept the revised and updated

Job Descriptions for the Ambulance Supervisor, Assistant Ambulance Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Ambulance Supervisor, and Ambulance Training Officer. A copy of all job descriptions is available at the City Clerk's Office. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to accept Polly McDonald's resignation for Assistant Ambulance Supervisor and Cathi Hiveley's resignation for Ambulance Training Officer. The motion carried unanimously. A request was made by the City Council directing the City Clerk to send letters thanking Ms. McDonald and Ms. Hiveley for their years of dedicated service.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to accept Tera Kultala's application for Assistant Ambulance Supervisor, Dena Suihkonen's application for 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Ambulance Supervisor, and Nick Levens application for Ambulance Training Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to remove all penalty and interest charges incurred by the former business owner of Vermilion Fuel and Food and then to divide all remaining payments into a maximum of 14 monthly payments to be due on a date that works best for Terry Wagoner. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to allow the temporary blockage of Spruce Street near the Lutheran Church for an evening block party event. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept the Tower Economic Development Authority's recommendation to add Muriel Scott and Richard Hanson to the TEDA Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to accept the Minimum Damage Acquisition Agreement and Right to Construct Agreement for the replacement/construction of new pedestrian ramps conforming to the American Disability Act Standards. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to contract with Breitung Township for law enforcement coverage pursuant to the offer presented by the Breitung Township Board. Yes: Carlson and Dougherty. No: Abrahamson and Hiltunen. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to pay the bills. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson. Time 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Linda Keith  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer