

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
August 27, 2012
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

The special 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, Randy Johnson, Bernie Sarkela, Roger Anderson, Sheldon Majerle, Ed Majerle, Matt Tichel, Bob Reichensperger, Jodi Summit, and John Jamnick (JPJ Engineering).

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

6.5 Airport Runway Resolution

6.6 Main Street Sewer Televising & Repairs

All voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: Bernie Sarkela asked some additional questions regarding the water and sewer rates and charges.

John Jamnick of JPJ Engineering spoke regarding the sewer lateral televising that was just completed. John intends to put together a cost estimate to complete all of the lateral repairs in one project. John will also do some initial research regarding what funding sources would be available to cover the cost of the project.

Roger Anderson, owner of a duplex on North Third Street, spoke about the water, sewer, and debt charges that have been applied to his duplex. Mr. Anderson felt that the charges applied to his building were not fair and equitable when compared to other similar duplexes type housing owned by Tim Kotzian, Bernie Sarkela, and Bill Johnson.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to contact Legal Counsel and if approved by Counsel to bill Mr. Kotzian for all water and sewer debt fees that were not charged to his duplex for the past ten years. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to allow the Saint Louis County Land and Minerals Department and their agents to form a temporary logging road on City of Tower Property near the Sherman Road and Trunk Highway 135. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to approve Minnesota Petroleum's quote of \$2,974.94 to repair the airport fuel station. Airport Manager Majerle will be looking into additional funding sources for a complete upgrade to the fuel system. All yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept the Township of Breitung's July 18, 2012 offer to supply the City of Tower with law enforcement protection contingent upon both communities agreeing on the following items:

- 1) The Unemployment Insurance Costs for any law enforcement officers hired as a result of this contract.
- 2) The establishment of a law enforcement squad with shared ownership.
- 3) The Total Start Up Costs.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to approve Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement # 1960 for Airport Improvements and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk - Treasurer to sign all necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen. Time 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Linda K Keith
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer