

City of Tower
Special Meeting
July 23, 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: None

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Randy Johnson, Janice Morin, Sheldon Majerle, Jim Carlson, Bruce Carlson, Ed Majerle, Bernie Sarkela.

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

A motion was made by Dougherty supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda as stated. All yes. The motion carried.

Public Input:

Sarkela Public Utility Bill - A request was received from B. Sarkela for a refund for sewer charges that he reported that he had overpaid since the time that he had moved into the residence on South Second Street. The City Clerk's office was directed to obtain further information regarding collecting unbilled charges from past billing cycles, ordinance information, and other historical background information that is relevant.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to approve Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement Number 01255 for the Airport Road Relocation Project (County Road 697) and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and accept all necessary documents. All yes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to purchase one electric gem car and one electric Polaris Ranger UTV. All yes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to change the Ambulance ALS Rollout rate to \$1,250.00 from \$1,050.00. All yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Scenic Rivers Healthcare continues to work with ISD 2142 to house the new Tower Clinic in the unused portion of Tower Soudan Elementary School Building.

Scenic Rivers has expressed some interest in getting assistance from the City of Tower to build a handicap ramp entrance area on the north side of the school. Further information will be given to the City as the plans are finalized.

The Township of Breitung submitted a proposal to provide law enforcement services to the City of Tower. The following points were part of Breitung's Offer:

1. The Annual Cost would be \$95,000.00
2. The City must take responsibility for providing one police vehicle
3. Sharing the cost of the gasoline 60% Breitung and 40% Tower.
4. The City of Tower is responsible for any increased coverage or festival coverage costs.
5. The City would be responsible for any unemployment costs associated with the cancellation of the contract.
6. Payment of fine monies for arrests in the City would be returned to the City and the attorney's costs associated with arrests made within Tower would be the City's responsibility.
7. A Multi Year term contract is desired with the proposed length to be mutually agreed upon by both parties.
8. The effective date of the contract is also negotiable.

The City Clerks' Office was requested to review the budget for possible savings and ways to cover the costs of law enforcement protection. Further investigation is needed therefore discussions were table until the next City Council meeting.

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 Carlson and supported by Hiltunen. Time 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Linda K Keith
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer