

City of Tower  
Regular Meeting  
July 9, 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, Hiltunen, and Nevala

Absent: None

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Sheldon Majerle, Ed Majerle, Christina Hujanen, Betsy Clark, John Aronson, Kevin Friebe (Saint Louis County Sheriff's Department), Jodi Summit, Tom Mesojedec, and, Matt Bolf (SEH).

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

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

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Director, and Emergency Management Department.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to accept the reports from officers. All yes. Motion carried.

Tower Airport Commission - A meeting has been set with Steve Peterson (IRRRB) regarding business development opportunities at the Tower Airport.

Harbor Project - Matt Bolf will be submitting a concept drawing of the harbor dredging plans to the Department of Natural Resource for their approval. Due to increased workloads it is uncertain when the DNR will be responding. The cost of this dredging work is estimated at approximately \$150,000.

Planning and Zoning - No Meeting was held.

TEDA - No meeting was held.

Electric Harbor Cars - A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to authorize the purchase two electric vehicles, one car will be purchased through IRRRB Grant Funding and the other from electricity rebates received from Minnesota Power. All yes. The motion carried.

Police Contract - Breitung Township will be holding their town board meeting on July 10, 2012 and will be preparing a written contract for the City's review.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to terminate the Police

Protection Contract the City had with Saint Louis County. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to approve North Second Street Project Pay Estimate Number 5 in the amount of \$23,248.20. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Nevala to approve North Second Street Project Pay Estimate Number 6 in the amount of \$116,369.20. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to approve North Second Street Project Engineer Invoice Number 21 in the amount of \$8,104.90. All yes. The motion carried.

A request was received from John Aronson to Lake Avenue North and South paved. The cost of this paving job has been estimated to be approximately \$115,000. City Engineer, John Jamnick, stated he would review previous quotes and estimates for the paving project and provide the city with updated cost information. Mr. Aronson's request was tabled until further information was received from the City Engineer and funding issues could be addressed.

A motion was made by Nevala and supported by Dougherty to approve the transfer of the Cabin Lease for 5751 Hoodoo Point Road from Terry Morris to Corrine Hobbs. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to establish an Absentee Ballot Board with the members being Ann Lamppa and Linda Keith. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Nevala to hire C. Pratt, L. Stefanich, J. Majerle, S. Majerle, M. Northrup, and C. Burgess as election judges for the 2012 election. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to purchase and install two "Caution Children At Play" signs on North Second Street between Pine and Poplar Street. All yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Nevala and supported by Dougherty to send Thank You cards to Nevala supported by Dougherty to send thank you's to Nate Dostert, Nick & Jodi Levens, and Robert Pratt for their outstanding volunteer service during Tower's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities. All yes. The Motion Carried.

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 Nevala. Time 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Linda Keith  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer