

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2011
Monday @ 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Carlson, Dougherty, Hiltunen, Nevala
Absent: None
Also Present: Lamppa

Visitors: Matt Bolf, Jim Macomber, Ann Flannagan, Kevin Friebe, Steve Altenburg, Sheldon Majerle, Bill Evans, Jodi Summit, Dale Dougherty

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented by the Deputy Clerk. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Carlson to accept the agenda with the addition of 8.4 Fire Department savings. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Correspondences: Prudential Northland Realty concerned about water bill for 613 S 2nd Street.

Fire Chief Noyes gave a verbal report on activities of the Fire Department for the month of March, which included the Soudan Mine Fire, qualifying for a FEMA grant for new pagers, and contracting services with DNR Forestry. Written reports were received from the Ambulance Department, Project Manager, Maintenance, and Sheriff.

Motion by Nevala supported by Dougherty to accept reports from officers. All yes. Motion carried.

Harbor: Matt Bolf stated that construction has started on the abutment walls of the bridge. The bridge deck is scheduled to be completed by the first week of June and the stone and lighting will be done in June, with the entire project scheduled to be finished by the first week of July. Construction meetings will be held each Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Matt also reported on the progress with funding.

Airport Commission - No meeting

Planning and Zoning - No meeting
TEDA: No meeting

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to split the Depot phone bill with the TS Historical Society. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hiltunen to charge \$400 to dig graves for the Cemetery Association and also note that the City will not dig graves during the winter.
All yes. Motion carried.

The Subdivision Fee was discussed again. Greenwood Township is also working on this and Councilor Carlson will talk to them to get an idea of how they are setting it up.

The Tower Fire Department would like to be able to keep any unused portions of their budget and put it into a savings account for unforeseen expenses.

Motion by Dougherty supported by Carlson to table this issue until September's meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to send John Jannick a copy of the Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Policy and ask for his feedback. All yes. Motion carried.

The City will place an ad in the Timberjay for summer employment.

Bill Evans gave an up date on Potter's Field. They have raised \$1330 dollars so far and have collected \$3800 dollars in donations. As the City cannot donate money, they volunteered to help out.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to approve the "Terms and Conditions of Accepting Airport Improvement Program Grants" from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dougherty supported by Carlson to approve the Consultant Agreement with Nancy Larson of Community Coaching to write a grant for the Tower Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$2500. All yes. Motion carried.

The Babbitt City Council asked the City of Tower to pass a resolution in support of keeping the Babbitt-Embarrass school name, colors, and logo. The City Council was not interested.

A discussion was held on setting up low interest energy loans for residents.

Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to move forward with this idea. All yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Nevala supported by Carlson to adjourn. Time: 7:05 PM.