

CITY OF TOWER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 16, 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

Visitors: Dave Erickson, Sheldon Majerle, Steve Altenburg, Bernie Zollar,  
Nancy Larson, John Jamnick, Jodi Summit

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to approve the minutes of the last meetings. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to accept the agenda with the addition of 9.8 D'Ericks request. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input - None

Correspondence: A letter from the TS Historical Society regarding high humidity and water in the basement of the Depot.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to accept reports from the Police Department, Ambulance Service, Project Manager and Fire Department. All yes. Motion carried.

Tower Airport: No meeting.

Historic Harbor: A written report was received from Matt Bolf which gave updates on the 169 Bridge, coordination with the DNR on dredging and project funding.

P & Z: Member of the new Charter School were seeking a conditional use permit to use portions of the Powerain building for their school.

TEDA: No meeting

Bernie Zollar, Tower Ambulance Supervisor, submitted a letter of

resignation effective June 30, 2011.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to have an exit interview with Mr. Zollar. All yes. Motion carried.

John Jamnick of RLK gave an update on the 2011 Water/Sewer Project. He stated that the bid opening date would be June 15<sup>th</sup> with start up by mid July.

Andy Imig presented the Civic Center Energy Audit. No decision was made on what the City will proceed with.

The Miss TS Committee presented revised bylaws. Bylaws are on file at the Clerk's Office.

Motion by Carlson supported by Hiltunen to approve the revised bylaws. All yes. Motion carried.

Randy Semo requested to block off Poplar Street from the Alley to Main Street for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. Three requests were received Dave Erickson: (1) to allow alcoholic beverages outside, in a roped area, when customers are participating in games; (2) to use the parking lot on June 4<sup>th</sup> for a pig roast and (3) to use the entire width of Birch Street, from the Alley to Main Street, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to approve all requests as long as the area in question have been cleared of all obstacles and debris by 8:00 am the following morning. All yes. Motion carried.

Richard Hanson gave an update on the Northeast Service Coop Fiber Project. Frontier will be the server in town.

Tabled subdivision fees.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to give Lamppa, Abrahamson and Carlson the authority to contract with either OSI or Determan for cleaning the airport fuel tank. All yes. Motion carried.

Tabled Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Policy.

The Clerk's Office is to send a letter to the Airport commission asking their intentions. If they are not going to be active and attend meetings, the council will disban the commission.

Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to approve temporary liquor licenses for the American Legion and the Tower Firemen's Relief Association for July 2 -4<sup>th</sup>. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to hire Travis Benck and Chris Suihkonen for summer help. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Depot furnace. The furnace is no longer working and thoughts are to put in electric heat or propane furnace.

Motion by Nevala supported by Dougherty to approve signage "Caution - Children Playing" for South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Hiltunen to approve joining the Regional Safety Group, led by the City of Ely. All yes. Motion carried.

A letter from Mike Lombardy was reviewed. The Council took no action stating he needed to pay the bill like everyone else.

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

Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to adjourn. Time: 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer