

City of Tower  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2011  
Monday @ 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Carlson, Dougherty, Hiltunen, Nevala

Absent: None

Also Present: Lamppa

Visitors: Kevin Friebe, Steve Altenburg, Matt Bolf, Jodi Summit, Ed Majerle, Jim Macomber, Ann Flannagan, Nancy Larson, Jesse Dahl, John Jamnick, Matt Haley, Tim Gallagher, Christina Hujanen, Bill Richmond, Erin Shay, Howie Kibbe, Joan Broten, Brenda Winkelaar

Motion by Dougherty supported by Nevala to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to accept agenda with the additions of 8.3 CDBG Application, 8.4 Tippet, and 9.7 Light at Intersection of new Hwy 135 & Old Hwy 135. All yes. Motion carried.

Correspondences: None

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to accept written reports from the Police Department, Ambulance Department, Maintenance Department, and Fire Department. No report from the Emergency Management Director. All yes. Motion carried.

Reports from Commissions and Committees:

Airport Commission: None

Harbor: Matt Bolf gave an update on the harbor plat and spoke about zoning changes that would be needed. Final paving will be done next spring and he is still working on the claim from KGM that occurred because of the State shutdown.

Bolf also met with the Bonding Bill Committee and working on the IRRR infrastructure grant application.

Sheldon Majerle had asked about a street light at the intersection of the City Street and Hwy 135. Bolf informed him that it was not the original plan.

Planning and Zoning: They are working on the Harbor Plat, a name for the plat and a new street name.

TEDA: No meeting.

Nancy Larson gave an update on the Solar Energy Project. Add-ons to the project

include a new electrical panel in the depot, monitoring system to show electric usage, and solar speed signs. Also present were Howie Kibbe and Jessie Dahl from Hometown Electric, Matt Haley from Emergency Management Solutions, Tim Gallagher from MN Power, Bill Richmond and Erin Shay from Silicon Energy, who gave background information for this project.

Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to approve the CDBG application for water main replacement from the Tower Breitung Water Treatment Plan to the City of Tower. All yes. Motion carried.

The TSHS's Tippet will be stored in the Powerain Building. The TSHA will arrange for a trailer and city crew will help move it.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to approve the MNDOT Grant Agreement No. 99857 for Airport Improvements and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign all necessary documents. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dougherty supported by Nevala to accept the park benches donated by the Lions Club and send them a thank you. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to approve Partial Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$120,766.71 to Utility Systems of America, Inc. for work performed on the North Second Street Project. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to approve a Commercial Rehab loan to Zups Grocery Store in the amount of \$15000. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to approve an Agreement for Automatic Mutual Aid between Greenwood Fire Department, Breitung Fire Department and the City of Tower. All yes. Motion carried.

Members of the Community Garden were present to see about getting water supplied to the garden sight.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to approve a water line tapped into the school's line contingent upon approving their final plans. All yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,