



CITY OF TOWER
e-Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
via GoToMeeting

April 13, 2020

1. Call to Order

Orlyn Kringstad called the e-Tower City Council meeting via GoToMeeting to order at 5:33 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Councilor Sheldon Majerle, Councilor Rachel Beldo, Mayor Orlyn Kringstad, Councilor Mary Shedd, Councilor David Setterberg

Staff present: Fire Chief Paige Olson, interim co-Ambulance Director Dena Suihkonen, interim co-Ambulance Director Josh Villebrun, Clerk/Treasurer Victoria Ranua, Hoodoo Point Campground Manager Randy Pratt, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, City Engineer Matt Bolf, Police Chief Dan Nyland, EMT Tammie Dowden

Media present: Marshall Helmberger (Timberjay)

Others: John Bassing, Jeff Hill, Julie Horihan, Tim Lilliquist, Lee Peterson, Todd Ranua, Dave Rose, Frank Zorbitz, three unknown individuals

* All attendees were electronic via GoToMeeting

3. Approval of Agenda

Shedd made a motion to accept the agenda. Motion second by Majerle. Kringstad, Majerle, Setterberg, and Shedd affirmed. Beldo could not be heard. Motion passed via roll call vote.

4. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2020

A motion by Beldo to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020. Second by Majerle. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

A motion by Beldo to table the minutes of March 16, 2020. Second by Shedd. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

A motion by Setterberg to approve the minutes of April 2, 2020. Second by Majerle. Beldo abstained due non-attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Input

None.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Tower-Soudan Historic Society, RE Online Cemetery Record Bill

A motion by Kringstad to pay one third of the annual online cemetery record. Second by Setterberg. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 Airport, State Grant Funding for obstruction removal, Resolution 2020-021

7.2 Fire Department: MN DNR Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant \$5,000 Structural Turnout Gear

7.3 Reports

A motion by Majerle to accept the Reports as presented. Second by Shedd. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion by Kringstad to accept to the amended consent agenda. Second by Shedd. Motion carried by unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Hoodoo Point Campground Sewer Issue

City Attorney Brunfelt gave an overview of a March 10, 2020 meeting between the City, USA, and SEH, Inc. regarding the unresolved issues on the Hoodoo Point sewer project. USA

A motion by Shedd to sign an agreement between the City, Utility Infrastructure of America, Inc. and SEH, Inc. to close out the 2017 Hoodoo Point sewer project. Second by Setterberg. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. New Business

9.1 Initiative: "Tidy up Tower/Soudan"

Kringstad gave an overview of a citizen-led initiative, "Tidy Up Tower/Soudan", a two-day event, that may involve the help of City maintenance staff and possibly the purchase of dump tickets. Motion by Kringstad to support Tidy Up Tower/Soudan. Second by Shedd. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9.2 Hoodoo Point Campground: Seasonal Leases under COVID-19

Seasonal spaces at Hoodoo to open May 1 as per lease and in compliance with current State Governor Executive Order related to COVID-19. Given the lack of clarity for other campground usage, tabled the discussion of monthlies and nightlies until May 4, 2020.

9.3 Ambulance Commission: Transfer Mileage Contribution

Motion by Shedd to accept the Ambulance Commission's recommendation of the rate \$1.66/mi for transfer mile in the pending 2020 Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Agreement. Second by Majerle. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9.4 Ambulance: Business Plan

Council review two business plan proposals. There was no money budgeted for these proposals. No action taken beyond a suggestion to explore other options or seek funding for these proposals.

9.5 Ambulance: Posting of Ambulance positions

No action taken. Interim Ambulance Directors, Clerk/Treasurer, and Councilor Beldo to review position descriptions and pay rates.

10. Pay the Bills

A motion was made by Majerle to pay the bills. Second by Shedd. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Majerle at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Ranua
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by Council on:

Monday, May 11, 2020