



CITY OF TOWER
e-Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
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May 11, 2020

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Mayor Orlyn Kringstad called the e-Tower City Council meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Staff / Consultant present: City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, interim co-Ambulance Director Dena Suihkonen, Fire Chief Paige Olson, and Clerk/Treasurer Victoria Ranua
Public: John Bassing, Lee Peterson, Dave Rose, and 5 unidentified e-attendees.

2. Accept Agenda

Councilor Shedd requested a title change on item 7.1 from Ancient Cedar Trail Park Designation to Ancient Cedars Trail Request for City Support.

A motion by Beldo to accept the agenda as amended. Second by Setterberg. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Accept minutes of March 16, 2020 (Special Meeting), April 13, 2020 (Regular Meeting), April 27, 2020 (Special Meeting) and revisiting the October 15, 2019 minutes.

Mayor Kringstad identified several typographical errors in the October 15, 2019 minutes at 9.2, 9.6, and 9.8. At 9.6 the outcome of the motion was not indicated and will need to be re-reviewed before the minutes can be amended.

A motion by Setterberg to accept the minutes [of March 16, 2020, April 13, 2020, and April 27, 2020]. Second by Shedd. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Public Input

There were no e-public input individuals identified. Mayor Kringstad noted that going forward [with e-meetings] that the public should email the Clerk/Treasurer if they want to participate in public input.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Reports

5.2 DNR Special City Deer Hunt Approval

A motion by Shedd to approve the consent agenda. Second by Beldo. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Ambulance Director Ad-hoc Hiring Committee

A motion by Kringstad to approve appointing Mary Shedd to coordinate an ad-hoc hiring committee for the Ambulance Director position. Second by Beldo. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.2 Ambulance / Fire Hall Security

Councilor Setterberg gave an update on securing several quotes for security system components of a entry and camera systems for the Ambulance / Fire Hall. Total cost appears to be under \$10,000. He indicated that there may be grants available. Mayor Kringstad noted that our insurance costs could be lower with a security system.

A motion by Kringstad to approve up to \$10,000 for a security system for the Ambulance / Fire Hall. Second by Beldo. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.3 Prospectors Trail Easement Update

Clerk/Treasurer Ranua gave an update that the Prospector's Trail easements may be ready soon and the group has requested to be on the next available agenda. Councilor Shedd noted that there needs to be adequate time to review the easements before it is placed on any agenda.

6.4 Audit Update, Special Meeting

Clerk/Treasurer Ranua gave an update that the financial audit is nearing completion and will be presented at a special meeting in May with the date to be determined by when the City receives a copy of the draft audit.

7. New Business

7.1 Ancient Cedars Trail Park ~~Designation~~ Request for City Support

A motion by Beldo to pass Resolution 2020-022 related to support for the Ancient Cedars Trail usage and an trail agreement between the City of Tower and various partners (the Tower Economic Development Authority, the Wagoner Trail Club, and Friends of the Vermilion Country School). Second by Majerle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

7.2 Ordinance Water Conservation

Clerk/Treasurer Ranua present the first reading of Ordinance 88 related to water conservation during critical water shortages. Such an ordinance is required under state law for the Tower Breitung Waste Water Board (TBWWB) to receive their water appropriations permit that serves the City. The TBWWB staff will also be approaching Breitung Township concerning a similar ordinance.

A motion by Shedd to support [the first reading of] Ordinance 88. Second by Setterberg. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Ranua will publish the ordinance in the official newspaper and place the ordinance on a future agenda for a second reading prior to adoption.

7.3 Airport Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Project Approval

A motion by Majerle to approve putting the Airport Snow Removal Equipment building up for bid. Second by Kringstad. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Pay the Bills

A motion by Shedd to pay the bills. Second by Beldo. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Adjourn

A motion by Majerle to adjourn at 6:41pm.

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Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Ranua
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by Council on:

June 8, 2020