

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2013
Monday @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Carlson, Dougherty, Hiltunen, and Majerle.

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Sheldon Majerle, Steve Altenburg, Terry Wagoner, Terry Driscoll, Dave Erickson, Randy Semo, Dianne Meehan, Bob Reichensperger, Jodi Summit, Rob Bergh (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources), and Matt Bolf (SEH Engineering).

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Majerle and supported by Hiltunen to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Correspondence: None

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, and Police Department.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to approve the reports from officers. The motion carried unanimously.

Tower Airport Commission – The airport fuel pump repairs have not been completed and additional work is required. Councilor Majerle will report further as new details become available.

Harbor Project – A meeting has been set with Senator Bakk and Representative Dill to discuss opportunities for Harbor Project funding. Mayor Abrahamson, Councilor Majerle, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Keith will join SEH Staff to meet with the legislators.

Planning and Zoning no meeting.

TEDA – No Meeting was held.

Main Street Sewer Project

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Majerle to accept and proceed with Short, Elliott, and Hendrickson's preliminary cost estimate for the replacement and repair of main street sewer laterals in the amount of \$267,661.60 and request that the bid documents require that the main street only be detoured one block at time and that the project be completed in one month. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Majerle to increase the pay for Tower Breitung Waste Water Board Members to \$45.00 per meeting effective January 1, 2013. Mayor Abrahamson, Councilor Carlson and Councilor Majerle assented. Councilors Dougherty and Hiltunen abstained. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to appoint Steve Wilson to the Forestry Board and the Gundersen Trust Board and Sheldon Majerle to the Airport Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to give the first reading of the Public Utility Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Majerle to charge the Community Ed Group a flat fee of \$200.00 covering all community events held at the Civic Center. Councilors Dougherty, Majerle, and Hiltunen and Mayor Abrahamson assented. Councilor Carlson dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to give the first reading of Ordinance Number 63 requiring background checks on all new city employees. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and Carlson authorizing the City Staff to accept credit cards for payment of public utility bills and any associated credit card fees added to the customer's utility bill. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Majerle to resolve that the City of Tower enter into Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement Number 02729 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the City to the State of the City's share of the costs of the parking lane and utility adjustment construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway Number 1 from Pine Street to Alder Street within the Corporate City limits under state Project Number 6904-47 (TH 1=035).

It is further resolved that the Mayor and the City Clerk Treasurer are authorized to execute the agreement and any amendments to the Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Majerle to authorize the Red

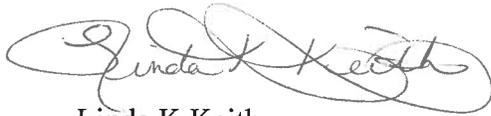
Cross to utilize the Tower Civic Center as a Service Center during major disasters. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to promote Linda Keith to the position of City Clerk-Treasurer with a start date of June 1, 2013. Councilor Dougherty, Councilor Carlson, and Mayor Abrahamson assented and Councilors Hiltunen and Majerle dissented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Dougherty and supported to pay all bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to adjourn. Time out was 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda K. Keith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Linda K Keith
Deputy Clerk Treasurer