

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
January 14, 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, and Hiltunen .

Absent: Majerle

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Matt Bolf (SEH Engineering), Steve Altenburg, Sheldon Majerle, Lee Peterson, Phyllis Burgess (Tower News), Rolando Noyes, Jodi Summit (Timberjay), Tom Aro, and Carmen Deluca.

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 Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept the agenda with the additions of:

9.5 Pay Estimate Number 6 Runway Rehabilitation

9.6 Pay Estimate Number One Road Relocation

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Correspondence: None

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and Emergency Management 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 projects have been completed except for some final dirt and landscaping. The Airport Commission will be meeting later this week with Short, Elliott, & Hendrickson Staff for a project wrap up.

Harbor Project – Short, Elliott, & Hendrickson staff are working to set a meeting with Representative David Dill to discuss future Harbor Plans.

Planning and Zoning no meeting.

TEDA Board – No meeting was held due to lack of quorum.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to authorize Mayor Abrahamson to sign and accept the Short, Elliott, & Hendrickson's Professional Agreement for

engineering work to be done as part of the Main Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to authorize Ambulance Supervisor Tuchel to proceed with ordering the patient compartment at a cost of \$89,358.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to accept JPJ Engineering's North Second Street Project Change Order # 1 decreasing the contract amount by \$59,776.14. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to post the City Clerk-Treasurer position internally effective January 14, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to accept and authorize payment for KGM Contractor's Pay Estimate Number 6 in the amount of \$552,349.55 for work done on the Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to accept and authorize payment for KGM Contractor's Pay Estimate Number 1 in the amount of \$196,259.14 for work done on the County Road #697 Relocation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

A request was received to change the Wastewater Board Members meeting salary to \$45.00. The item was tabled until a sufficient number of council members without conflict of interest were in attendance.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to adopt a resolution that states that the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota, does ordain:

Whereas the City's Fire Department has joined the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA); and

Whereas the Statewide Plan offers survivor benefits to the families of firefighters who die after providing at least five (5) years of service; and

Whereas the City highly values the contributions of volunteer firefighters and wishes to provide similar survivor benefits to the families of firefighters who die before providing five (5) years of service; and

Whereas the City understands that should this provision be approved and passed into law, it would not increase required contribution amounts.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Tower, Minnesota: The City hereby ratifies the addition of a plan provision allowing survivor benefits to be paid to firefighters who die within their first five years of service, should such a provision be passed into law. The motion carried unanimously and the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Tower, on January 14, 2013.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to accept the notice received from Scott Kregness announcing his resignation from the Tower Area Ambulance Service effective January 21, 2013. The motion carried unanimously. A request was made by the Council to send Mr. Kregness a Thank You notice for all of his years of dedicated service.

A committee of Councilor Dougherty, Councilor Carlson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Keith,

and Fire Chief Noyes was established to meet with Breitung Township to review the possibility of joining the Tower and Breitung Fire Departments into one combined fire department.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to approve Mike Larsen's application to join the Tower Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to approve the Timberjay's bid for official newspaper at a rate of \$.034 cost per lower case alphabet. The motion carried unanimously.

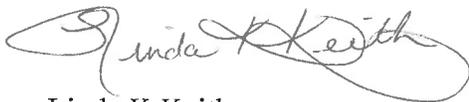
A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to charge \$25.00 per occasion for large group events and \$15.00 for small group events held at the Tower Civic Center. The motion carried with Councilors Carlson, Dougherty and Hiltunen assenting and Mayor Abrahamson dissenting.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to accept the 2013 Reorganization as amended by the Council. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the 2013 Reorganization List is on file in the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Majerle and supported by Dougherty to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Time out 7:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda K. Keith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Linda K Keith
Deputy Clerk - Treasurer