City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
City of Tower
November 12, 2013
Tuesday @ 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: None
Also Present: L Keith and S Mayer

Visitors: Matt Bolf (Short Elliott & Hendrickson), Tower Assistant Fire Chief Steve Altenburg, Gary Lamppa (Community Resource Development), Gary Ross, Charity Ross, Sheldon Majerle, Gary Ross, Sr., Linda Haugen, Barbara Rinne, Renee Aro, Mary Batanich, Pauly Housenga, Marion Sederstrom, Cathy Burt, Ann Flanagan, and Joyce Bixler.

A motion was made by Hiltunen 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 Hiltunen to accept the agenda with the amendments of:
7.5 Hoodoo Point Mangager's Report
8.3 New Ambulance Purchase
9.3 Pay Estimate #2 (Final) Main Street Sewer Lateral Project
9.14 Installing Cable internet to the Tower Business Park
9.15 Approving new firefighter application from T. J. Yernatich
The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Correspondence: None.

A presentation was given by The Tower Women's Civic Improvement Club regarding all of the ways they contribute to the community i.e. the planning and coordination of the Memorial Day Service, Main Street Flower Baskets, Harbor Bridge Flower Baskets, and the Miss TS Pie Social. The Women's club requested the council identify additional ways that the Women's Club could be of service. The council noted that they would like to partner with the Women's Club on ways to improve the utilization of the City's electric Gem Car, Creating Main Street Storefront displays, assisting the 4th of July committee, promoting the airport, and continuing to beautify the Main Street.

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, and Police Department. No report was received from the Emergency Management.

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

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to give the second reading of Ordinance Number 50, an ordinance prohibiting the possession, sale, and/or distribution of synthetic marijuana within the City of Tower. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance will be effective after its publication in the Timberjay.

The council was informed that ambulance manufactures Marque and Allied Specialty Vehicles, Inc. merged and subsequently all of Marque's production schedules were adjusted. The delivery date of the new ambulance has been changed to January 23, 2014. No council action was taken.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson authorizing the Harbor Committee to engage in a Market Study for hospitality service needs in the Tower Harbor at a cost not to exceed $7,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to authorize the City Clerk's Office to start the process of listing four parcels of city owned land for sale with the proceeds to be dedicated towards the Harbor Development Project. Two parcels are located in Vermilion Lake Township and two parcels are located in an unorganized township near Lake Vermilion's Rice Bay. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to approve the final Pay Estimate Number Two in the amount of $13,102.74 for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Main Street Sewer Laterals. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to authorize the Mayor to sign and accept a contract with Expert T Billing for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 for the processing of ambulance bills at a rate of $26.00 per billable run. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to extend the current contract with Breitung Township for police protection until December 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to approve the transfer of the lease agreement for City of Tower Lease Lot Number 5E from Gabriel Meehan to Theresa Bajda and James Moravitz. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to sign and accept all project closeout documents for Airport Project Number 3-27-0148-08-1, Relocation of County Road 697. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to approve pay estimate number 7 in the amount of $25,279.42 for the rehabilitation of Runway 8/26 pending upon the completion of all items remaining on the contractor punch list. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to authorize Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union to add Stephanie Mayer as a signatory for account numbered 99345. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to accept the statutory tort liability limits for the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust liability coverage and decline additional optional coverage. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to authorize the expense of $2,000 to have cable internet service extended to the Tower Business Park. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept the application of T. J. Yernatich to the Tower Fire Department pending successful completion of pre-employment physicals and aptitude tests. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Abrahamson to adjourn. Time out was 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K Keith
City Clerk Treasurer