

City of Tower  
Regular Meeting  
September 10, 2012  
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: Councilor Nevala

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Sheldon Majerle, Steve Altenburg, Richard Hanson, Steve Wilson, Jodi Summit, Ed Majerle, John Jamnick (JPJ Engineering), and Nancy Larson.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen 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 as amended with the addition of item 8.5 Main Street Sewer Repairs. 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 Carlson to approve the reports from officers. The motion carried unanimously.

Tower Airport Commission – The airport fuel pump repairs have been completed. The pump repairs have made some improvement but it is still not performing to capacity. No further action will be taken at this time since the airport will be closed soon due to runway rehabilitation.

Harbor Project – The striping project near the rock cut is still on the punch list and further repairs will be made.

Planning and Zoning no meeting.

TEDA – The TEDA board met on September 10, 2012. The board requested to examine all funding options available for the Charter School renovations.

Main Street Sewer Lateral Repairs – After review of all sewer lateral televising it has been determined that a majority of business on the Main Street have sewer laterals that are non-compliant and/or defective per the terms of our City Ordinance. JPJ Engineering estimates the cost to repair all non-compliant and defective laterals will total approximately \$150,000.00. John Jamnick (JPJ Engineering) stated that he felt a significant share of the funding could possibly be obtained from the Community Development Block Grants Programs with any remaining costs paid for by the property owners.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to proceed with the Main Street Sewer Repair Project and to coordinate all funding available. The motion carried unanimously.

An inquiry was made regarding the installation of stop signs on North Second Street. At this time Saint Louis County will not allow the installation of two stop signs on North Second Street. Saint Louis County has recommended either utilizing speed bumps or officer patrol to slow down the traffic on North Second Street. Saint Louis County estimates the cost of the speed bumps to be between \$10,000 and \$20,000. The City Council declined to take any further action at this time.

The City Clerk's office was asked to advertise for suggestions for a new name for the Tower Mini Park. A \$50.00 gift card to any City of Tower Business will be awarded to the individual that suggests the name that is chosen.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Hiltunen to rename the old portion of Trunk Highway 135 to Harbor Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to accept the letter of agreement from Thomas Zahn & Associates, LLC for consulting services to research and prepare a nomination request for the Tower Depot to be placed on the National Register of Historical Places at a cost of \$6,523. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to change the Tower Soudan Historical Society Depot Lease by removing the \$200 monthly payment to the City of Tower and adding that the Tower Soudan Historical Society is responsible for all other monthly expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Lance Dougherty was appointed as an alternate to the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to set the preliminary levy at ten percent. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion to adjourn was moved by Carlson and supported by Dougherty. Time out 6:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda K Keith  
Deputy Clerk – Treasurer