

CITY OF TOWER
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2011
MONDAY @ 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Present: Abrahamson, Carlson, Dougherty, Hiltunen, Nevala

Absent:

Also Present: Lamppa

Visitors: Matt Bolf, Bernie Zollar, Ed Majerle, Nancy Larson, John Jamnick
Kevin Friebe, Bill Evans, Sheldon Majerle, Steve Altenburg, Polly
McDonald, Tera Kultula, Tiffany Anderson, Rolando Noyes, Ken
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Motion by Carlson supported by Hiltunen to approve the minutes of June 13, 2011 and June 28, 2011. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dougherty supported by Carlson to accept the agenda with the addition of: 8.7 Airport Road Relocation Project, 9.9 Request to Block off Spruce Street, 9.10 911 Center to stay in Midway, and 9.11 Matt Casey Resignation. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to accept written reports from the Maintenance Dept, Ambulance Dept, Fire Dept, and Police Dept. All yes. Motion carried.

Ed Majerle gave the Airport Commission report.

Matt Bolf gave the Historic Harbor report. Because of the State shutdown this project has also been shutdown. Work left to be done on the bridge includes overlay, rock veneer, landscape rock, metal railing, paint, vegetation and lighting.

A Planning and Zoning Meeting has been scheduled for July 27th at 5:30 PM.

TEDA: No meeting.

John Jamnick reported on the bid opening for the N 2nd Street Project.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to accept the Utility Systems of America bid of \$775,849.50 with a prebid change order bringing the bid down to \$676,779. All yes. Motion carried.

Tiffany Anderson of NESC discussed the Fiber Optics project that will be coming through Tower, which involves a right-of-way permit.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to allow the Mayor the sign the right-of-way permit once it has been approved by the City Attorney. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Civic Center and Powerain roofs. It was the consensus of the council that the leaks on both roofs were something that the City Maintenance Department could take care of.

The Depot is in need of a new heating system. A wall hanging gas unit was discussed. Bernie Zollar will bring the information he has to the Clerk's office.

Councilors Nevala and Dougherty interviewed candidates for the position of Emergency Management Director and recommended Bob Dale for this position.

Motion by Carlson supported by Hiltunen to hire Bob Dale as the emergency management director. All yes. Motion carried.

Nancy Larson presented the Residential Energy Improvement Loan Program guidelines and loan application.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to approve Residential Energy Improvement Loan Program guidelines and application. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to donate \$500 to Potter's Field cleanup efforts. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to increase the duties of the Ambulance Supervisor, which will include an additional 8 hours per week for office time, meetings, or training and increase the supervisor's salary to \$1500 per month; and hire a second ambulance assistance supervisor for \$300 per month.

Motion by Carlson supported Dougherty to increase the duties of the ambulance supervisor and increase wages to \$1500 per month and create a second assistant supervisor position at \$300 per month, both effective August 1, 2011. All yes. Motion carried.

Two applications had been received the ambulance assistant position.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to hire Tera Kultala as the second assistant as recommended by the Ambulance Supervisor. All yes. Motion carried.

The MN Historical Society State Capital Projects Grants-in Aid Program was tabled.

A discussion was held on the changing language in the City's Liquor Ordinance

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Motion by Abrahamson supported by Hiltunen to add language to the Liquor Ordinance, drafted by the City Attorney, that would allow the council to work with a bar owner on overdue taxes. Yes: Abrahamson. No: Hiltunen, Carlson, Dougherty, Nevala. Motion failed.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to authorize the execution of the agreement between the City and CDBG for the 2011 North 2nd Street Infrastructure Improvements. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion about Police Protection was held. Councilor Carlson wants the council to get together with Breitung to discuss the police issue. Carlson will pursue this topic and talk with Breitung.

The roof on the Hoodoo Point store is leaking and in rough shape. An ad will be placed in the Timberjay asking for bids to replace the roof.

Motion by Dougherty supported by Carlson to close Spruce Street from Main Street to Second Street on August 19th from 5-8 pm for a church event. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Carlson to send a letter to St. Louis County in support of keeping the 911 Center in Midway. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Dougherty to accept the resignation of Matt Casey from the Ambulance Department. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Hiltunen to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nevala supported by Dougherty to adjourn. Time 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer