

City of Tower  
Regular Meeting  
January 9, 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, Hiltunen, Nevala

Also Present: Lamppa and Keith

Visitors: Christina Hujanen, Bernie Zollar, Polly McDonald, Jodi Summit, Sheldon Majerle, Matt Bolf, Kevin Friebe, Steve Altenburg.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the last meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to accept the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input:

Jodi Summit stated the Charter School received approval from the State Department of Education last week. The school is currently applying for IRRRB funds and they are awaiting release of state and federal funding.

Correspondence: None

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, Emergency Management Director, police department, and oral additional comments were made by Bernie Zollar and Steve Altenburg. Mr. Zollar reported ambulance claims continue to rise. Steve raised questions regarding dispatch procedures and effect dates of the new automatic response agreement recently signed between Tower, Soudan and Greenwood Township.

Motion by Dougherty supported by Hiltunen to accept reports from officers. All yes. Motion carried.

Reports from commissions and committees:

1. Tower Airport Commission: Matt Bolf reports that the FAA has identified obstructions encroaching in the approach zone that need to be removed as soon as possible. SEH will begin measuring and marking the trees to be removed. It will then be up to the City to make arrangements to have the trees removed.
2. Harbor: Matt Bolf requested historical harbor photos and information that he could include when preparing the next grant application. A Plat Name, Street Name, and final easement information is still needed. He is still working on the claim from KGM that

- occurred because of the State shutdown.
3. Planning Zoning no meeting was held.
  4. TEDA no meeting was held.

Motion by Nevala supported by Dougherty to give the second reading of Ordinance #82I that adds a new section to Zoning Ordinance #82 called C-3 Highway Commercial Business District that requires a conditional use permit for all residential structures. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to approve Hometown Electric's bid of \$70,352.00 for material and labor to install roof mounted solar systems. Yes: Abrahamson, Carlson, Dougherty, and Hiltunen. No: Nevala Motion carried.

#### Ambulance Department Report:

1. Motion by Carlson supported by Nevala to accept Bernie Zollar's recommendation to change the Ambulance Rollout Rate to \$750.00 and the loaded mile rate to \$12.50. All yes Motion carried.
2. Motion by Hiltunen supported by Carlson to allow Zollar to pursue the idea of on-call paid EMT's for seventeen Holidays/Key Dates each year. All yes. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Hiltunen and supported by Nevala to approve the scholarship agreement pending approval from the city attorney. All yes. Motion carried.
4. Motion made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to authorize the Ambulance Department to purchase accessories for the UTV. All yes. Motion carried.

#### St. James Sidewalk Request:

A request was received from the Saint James Presbyterian Church to replace the sidewalk in front of the church as it has become unsafe for some of their parishioners. The Council directed the Clerk/Treasurer to obtain quotes from area contractors.

#### Reorganization:

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to approve the 2012 Reorganization List except for Official Newspaper, Airport Commission, and TEDA. All yes. Motion carried.

A TEDA meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2012 at 5:00PM.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Carlson to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dougherty and supported by Nevala to adjourn: Time 6:46PM.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Keith  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer