

City of Tower
Special Meeting
March 7, 2012
Wednesday @ 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Carlson, Hiltunen, Nevala, and Dougherty
Absent: None
Also Present: A. Lamppa and L. Keith
Visitors: Jodi Summit, Christina Hujanen, Mary Batinich, Alex Batinich,
and Sheldon Majerle

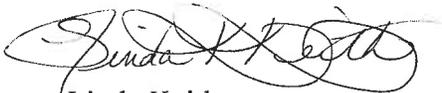
Mary Batinich and Alex Batinich on behalf of the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center gave a presentation regarding moving the Saint Mary's Episcopal Church from its current location on North Second Street to a location closer to the historic center of Tower. The Saint Mary's Episcopal Church is 123 years old and is currently supported by a simple block type system and if not moved and preserved the church has a life expectancy of approximately 2 years. The Church is an architectural asset and is well suited to become a community cultural center. The new Cultural Center would serve as a space for lectures, concerts, weddings, youth events, senior events, musical events, and possibly an auditorium for the Vermilion Country School. After moving the church additional funds will be raised to add a wing on to the existing building. The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center Group will be responsible for the fundraising but they look to the city for help with the land.

Counselors Carlson and Dougherty step out at 6:03PM.

The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center Group is in the process of securing their non-profit status. Once the non-profit status has been achieved the Episcopal Church will gift the building to the group and the selection and securing of a new site can be completed.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Nevala to adjourn the meeting. Time: 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Keith
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer