

City of Tower
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2013
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: Majerle

Also Present: L Keith and A Lamppa

Visitors: Sheldon Majerle, Marshall Helmberger, Tom Mesojedec, Greg Knutson (Walker, Giroux, & Hahne), Dan Broten, Ann Flanagan, Jim Macomber, Mary Batanich, Linda Haugen, Tom Sersha, Bob Wilson (Lake Vermilion Sportsmen's Club), Jodi Summit, Christina Hujanen, and Matt Reid (SEH Engineering).

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson 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 addition of 9.4 Bob Wilson (Lake Vermilion Sportsmen's Club) regarding Curly Leaf Pondweed, 9.12 Historical Society use of the Civic Center Bathrooms, and 9.13 Tower Firemen's Relief Association request for a temporary liquor license. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Written reports were received from the Maintenance Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Police Department.

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 approve and accept the Main Street Sewer Lateral Project construction contracts with Ulland Brothers, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Dougherty to accept Hinkel Construction's bid in the amount of \$20,950.00 to repair the City Hall garage roof. The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was given by Greg Knutson (Walker, Giroux, & Hahne) regarding the audit and examination of the City of Tower's 2012 financial records. The City's financials were given an

unqualified opinion which is the highest opinion possible. A set of the City's financials can be viewed at the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to approve Christina Hujanen's request to block off a portion of Pine Street near the Civic Center for the Harbor Days Celebration with the stipulation that Ms Hujanen work with Assistant Fire Chief Altenburg to plot out an acceptable road closure near the fire and ambulance halls. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to approve expending a maximum of \$1,500.00 to assist other local governments and agencies to remove aquatic invasive species from Lake Vermilion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Abrahamson to authorize the Tower Soudan Historical Society to utilize the Civic Center restrooms during Depot hours provided that the Historical Society keep a daily restroom inspection log and that if the Historical Society does not manage the restroom cleaning properly this agreement will be terminated. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to hold another muzzle loader hunt for deer in Tower. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson to update the City's purchasing policy to state the Ambulance Supervisor has the authority to spend \$500.00 to restock the ambulance department with usual and customary ambulance supplies. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to authorize the Mayor to sign and accept the notice of Conflict of Interest from Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith, and Frederick, PA. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to adopt resolution number 2013-004 a resolution approving the transfer of real property to the Tower Economic Development Authority and authorizing an appropriation for payment of its obligations. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to accept the building lease agreement between TEDA and the Vermilion Country School. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Hiltunen and supported by Carlson authorizing City Clerk-Treasurer Keith to sign all documents necessary to become a signatory for all City of Tower accounts held with Frandsen Bank, Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union, Bank of America, and Target National Bank and/or other Financial Institutions. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to authorize the Tower Firemen's Relief Association to obtain a temporary liquor license for the 4th of July Celebration in Tower. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Dougherty to close the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The time was 7:40PM.

At 7:50PM the meeting was opened.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to issue Fire Chief Rolando Noyes a written warning stating the following:

- 1) The Written warning is issued because Rolando's recent DUI conviction is a violation of the City's Drug and Alcohol Policy
- 2) Fire Chief Noyes is on paid administrative leave until such time as his license is fully restored in early June.
- 3) Fire Chief Noyes must supply the City Clerk-Treasurer documentation showing that his license has been fully restored.

A motion was made by Carlson and supported by Hiltunen to adjourn. Time out was 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K Keith
Deputy Clerk Treasurer