

City of Tower  
Special City Council Meeting  
March 15, 2010  
Monday @ 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

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

Present: Abrahamson, Hanson, Heinowski, Hiltunen, Nevala

Absent: None

Also Present: Kotzian, Lamppa

Visitors: Jodi Summit, Christina Hujanen, Mark Weir, Sheldon Majerle, Dave Bjorgo, Gen Bjorgo, Ed Majerle, Rolando Noyes, Randy Johnson

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Abrahamson to accept the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Heinowski to appoint Troy Swanson as the new TEDA member as recommended by the TEDA Board. All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Airport Road Relocation Project. Mark Weir spoke against going ahead with the project. Since the City is already into this project for \$10,000 with their total cost set at \$20,000; discussion centered around going ahead.

Motion by Hiltunen supported by Hanson to proceed with the Airport Road Relocation All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to discuss the budget line by line. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Councilor Heinowski had several thoughts on cutting expenses and increasing revenues. He divided the City's interests into four categories:

1. Regional service related activities which include:  
Tower Airport and its Commission; parks and recreation (Hoodoo Point Campground), trails, parks, green space, civic center, train, depot, 4<sup>th</sup> of July; ambulance and schools
2. City development includes:  
TEDA, the Riverfront Project, Main Street, Northstar Addition, Industrial Park, city building sites and city lands
3. City operations involve:  
City council and commissions; city support departments (fire, police); city Staff (administration and maintenance); city sewer and water contract
4. Infrastructure investment support refers to:  
Streets and roads, equipment and buildings.

Motion by Heinowski supported by Hanson to have a committee of citizens study the budget and report back within thirty days on what can be done immediately to improve the 2010 budget and report back in 90 days on issues that affect the 2011 budget. All yes. Motion carried.

The next city council meeting was set for April 14<sup>th</sup> and the next budget meeting for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Nevala supported by Hanson to adjourn. Time: 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer