

Tyler City Council
Monday, January 9, 2016
Tyler Fire Hall
7 p.m. (Approved)

Members present, Mayor Greg Peter, Council members Tim Sanderson, Erick Harper, Scott Dressen and Kenneth Jensen, City administrator Robert Wolfington and City Attorney Glen Petersen. Also present Mervyn Peterson Cricket Raschke, Mark Wilmes, Larry Wyttenback and Dave Haroldson.

Greg Peter, Scott Dressen and Kenneth Jensen took the oath of office and were installed on the council.

Mayor Peter presented former Mayor Mervyn Peterson with a certificate of appreciation for years of service on the council.

Agenda - Harper moved to approve the agenda as presented. Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes - Harper moved to approve the minutes for the meetings on Dec. 5, 2016 and Dec. 27, 2016 as presented. Jensen seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Forum - Citizen Larry Wyttenback expressed concern about the city not having an electrician or lineman on staff. Wyttenback stated his frustration the power was out at his house for more than 8 hours and he feels if the City had a lineman on staff it might not have been a problem.

Councilman Dressen echoed the concern and stated he felt it was important the city have a lineman on staff.

Councilman Sanderson stated safety concerns and budget concerns lead to the council working on an agreement with Lyon-Lincoln Electric for lineman services along with use of mutual aid through MMUA.

The council will have further discussion at the February meeting.

Committee assignments – Administrator Wolfington presented committee assignments as nominated by Mayor Greg Peter. The following nominations were made.

Council Committees

Budget Committee: Greg Peter & Erick Harper

Investment Committee: Tim Sanderson & Erick Harper

Personnel Committee: Tim Sanderson & Greg Peter

Public Safety Committee: Scott Dressen

Boards and Commissions

Library Board: Kenneth Jensen

Parks and Recreation: Scott Dressen & Kenneth Jensen

TRED Representatives: Erick Harper & Greg Peter

Utility Commission: Tim Sanderson & Greg Peter

Other

Acting Mayor: Erick Harper

Airport Commissioner: Greg Peter

Street Commissioner: Kenneth Jensen
Civil Defense Director: Scott Dressen

Motion made by Sanderson, seconded by Harper to approve committee assignments. Motion carried.

Resolution Designating Official Newspaper & Depositories – Administrator Wolfington presented the following resolution designating the official newspaper for the City of Tyler as well as its official Depositories.

RESOLUTION 2017-01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND NEWSPAPER

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Tyler, County of Lincoln, Minnesota, That the Council hereby designates First Independent Bank and Citizen's State Bank as official depositories. The Council hereby designates the Tyler Tribute as its official newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council on January 9, 2017

Motion by Harper, seconded by Sanderson to approve Resolution 2017-01. Motion carried with Mayor Peter abstaining, citing his employment with Citizen's State Bank.

Updated Signature Cards – Administrator Wolfington requested the signature cards for financial institutions be updated to include Robert Wolfington, Sandra Bakker, Cindy Koenig and two council representatives. Mayor Peter nominated Erick Harper and Gregory Peter to be the council signatures on the Signature Card.

Motion made by Sanderson, seconded by Jensen to approve the signature card as recommended. Motion carried.

TRED Appointments – A vacated TRED seat and a seat up for renewal were presented to the City Council. Mayor Peter stated he wanted to open the process up and directed staff to advertise the openings for an application process to be reviewed at the February Council meeting.

Citizen Wyttenback requested administrator Wolfington explain what happened at the last TRED board meeting.

Administrator Wolfington stated two nominations were made with Cricket Raschke and George Ruhman each receiving three votes. The TRED Board requested the council consider the nominations.

No further action was taken and City Staff will advertise the vacancies for an application process.

Correspondence – Administrator Wolfington presented a letter regarding an event for the Lincoln County Housing Study on January 19 in Ivanhoe.

Council Comments / Committee Reports – None.

Police Report – Police Chief John Spindler was unavailable.

City Attorney's Report – None.

Utility Report – Administrator Wolfington stated they had received a number of applicants for the vacant utility position. He stated he wanted to meet with the personnel committee to review.

Administrator Wolfington stated the Lyon County Landfill is changing its mattress policy and as a result he is encouraging the council to consider its options.

Administrator's Report – Administrator Wolfington stated the end of year process is on going and there is work being done to catch up following the transition period with the departure of former deputy clerk Barb Powell.

Financial Report – Motion by Harper to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Dressen. Motion carried.

Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Jensen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.