

March 13, 2006
Council Chambers
City Hall
Tipton, Iowa

The City Council of the City of Tipton, Iowa, met in Special Session at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Young called the meeting to order. Upon roll call the following named council members were present: Anderson, Kepford, Johnson, McGlaughlin. Absent: Wethington. Also present Boldt, Foley, Fletcher, Hakeman, Nash, Packwood and the press.

AGENDA: Motion by Anderson, seconded by McGlaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Kepford, Johnson, McGlaughlin
Nay: None
Absent: Wethington

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Young opened the Public Hearing on the proposed FY2006-2007 Tipton City Budget. The mayor asked if there were any written or oral comments received. With none being noted, City Manager Boldt gave a brief presentation of the proposed 16.8 million dollar budget. Boldt specifically made note of the following:

1. Property tax levy of \$11.20294 which ranks 14th lowest of 93 cities between a population of 2,500 and 9,900.
2. Tax rate for the new FY2006-07 budget dropped to \$11.20 per \$1,000. The overall tax will increase to \$504.98 a year on the average home assessed at \$98,000.
3. Budget changes from the current FY will result in a 27% increase in the proposed budget. Those increases include \$362,480 for a new electric substation and Louisa Generation Station, \$100,000 for purchases for the Public Works department and \$432,237 in additional natural gas costs.

Mayor Young asked if there were any comments from the council. Council member McGlaughlin still had some concerns regarding the Police Department budget. He is opposed to having 3 vehicles and 2 officers working the day shift. He also questioned the annual one percent increase in the cost of electricity to utility customers.

City Manager Boldt pointed out that the council minutes show that when the third vehicle was purchased that it was to be put to use and not to replace a vehicle already being used. Electric Superintendent Packwood mentioned that the annual one percent electric increase is put before the council each year and it is up to them to decide if they do not want the increase implemented. He said it has been implemented annually because residents do not want to be hit with a ten percent increase all at once.

With no further discussion taking place, Mayor Young closed the public hearing and asked if council was ready to take action on the proposed budget.

Motion was made by Kepford and seconded by Johnson to approve the FY 2006-2007 Tipton city budget. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Kepford, Johnson
Nay: McGlaughlin
Absent: Wethington

ADJOURN: With no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by McGlaughlin and seconded by Anderson. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Kepford, Johnson, McGlaughlin
Nay: None
Absent: Wethington

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk