

February 18, 2008
Council Chambers
City Hall
Tipton, Iowa

The City Council of the City of Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Kepford called the meeting to order. Upon roll call the following named council members were present: Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington. Also present: Boldt, Foley, Nash, Hakeman, Packwood, Hembry, Fletcher, Penrod. Visitors: Several visitors and the press were also in attendance.

AGENDA: Motion by McGlaughlin, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington
Nay: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Scheduled – None

Unscheduled – Assistant Police Chief Dietrich advised the council that he has been asked to attend the 2008 Fellowship Foundation for Police Officers. He said he submitted an application last year and has just been advised that he is one of two officers throughout the U.S. that was asked to attend the foundation held in Washington D.C. There is no cost to the city and the foundation runs from mid March to July. After a short discussion, council congratulated Dietrich and gave them their approval to attend the foundation.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Wethington, seconded by McGlaughlin to approve the consent agenda which included the following:

1. Minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Clerks/Investment Reports.
3. Library Board minutes.
4. Development Commission minutes.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington, Anderson
Nay: None

CLAIMS LIST: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Anderson to approve the following list of claims:

ABC FIRE PROTECTION	724.11
AFLAC	137.72
ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES	19203.33
APACHE HOSE & BELTING	144.25
ARAMARK	305.69
ARROW QUICK	28.95
BAKER & TAYLOR	161.62
BRAD PECK	20.00
BUSINESS RADIO SALES	1782.65
CBE GROUP	15.00
CEDAR COUNTY AUTO PARTS	218.42
CEDAR COUNTY CO-OP	32113.02

CEDAR COUNTY ENGINEER	2652.19
CEDAR COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION	120.00
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	1968.00
CEDAR RAPIDS WELDING	4.98
CITY OF TIPTON	80.30
CITY OF TIPTON FUNDS	15275.16
CITY UTILITIES	7882.06
CLARANCE LOWDEN SUN-NEWS	17.80
COMMUNITY INSURANCE SERVICES	183.00
CONTROL INSTALLATIONS OF IOWA	105.90
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY	154.18
EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & POWER	520.08
EMP INC	534.93
FAMILY FOODS	81.03
FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT BUREAU	8.00
FIRE ENGINEERING	21.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	1243.34
GALLS INC	451.95
GARDEN & ASSOCIATES	13777.52
GENERAL PEST CONTROL	140.68
GRASSHOPPER LAWN CARE	457.40
GRAYBAR	581.42
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES	321.59
HALL, GREG	20.00
HIGH VOLTAGE TESTING	887.17
I.R.S.	12430.32
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY	128.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION	632.23
IA. ASSOCIATION CHIEFS OF POLICE	20.00
IOWA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION	35.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	250.00
IOWA TELECOM	1728.32
IOWA WELDING & SUSPENSION	176.18
IPERS	5336.58
KEPFORD, LISA	20.00
KIME, PAUL	20.00
LINN, CHARLES	43.00
MEDTRONIC PHYSIO-CONTROL	303.25
MISC. VENDOR	4414.98
NEWTON HOME OIL	30.00
NILES CHIROPRACTIC	175.00
NORTH AMERICAN SALT	1203.64
NORTHWEST MECHANICAL	363.50
ORTIVUS NORTH AMERICA	1237.50
PITNEY BOWES	201.10
POND VIEW ACRES	200.00
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	1984.90
RANDOM HOUSE	203.15
SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS	1200.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	4000.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	72.99
STEVEN GAUNT	71.25
STUELAND CHEVY – OLDS	59.70
TERRY DURIN COMPANY	144988.49
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	883.20
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS	720.50
TIPTON PHARMACY	62.48
TIPTON STRUCTURAL FABRICATION	44.94

TIPTON TIRE & AUTO	18.00
TIPTON YEARBOOK	60.00
TOYNE INC	176.55
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	2204.00
TRUCK COUNTRY OF CEDAR RAPIDS	451.00
UIHC EMSLRC	10.00
UNITED ELECTRICAL LOCAL 893	110.00
US CELLULAR	739.70
VALIC	300.00
XEROX CORPORATION	878.35
CITY ONE CARD PURCHASES	3032.01

Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Johnson, Klemme, Wethington, Anderson, Johnson
Nay: None

FREEMAN INSURANCE FAÇADE PROJECT: In a memo to the council, Travis Alden reported that the Freeman Insurance façade project at 116 E. 5th Street has been approved for Tipton’s Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program and is complete. The approved project included:

Fund 50% of the project cost for the tuck pointing and masonry repair: \$1750.00 (total cost \$3500.00)
Funding of 50% awning project: \$1327.50 (total cost \$2655.00)

The Development Commission requests that the reimbursement payment be made to Scott Freeman. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wethington to approve the Development Commission’s request that the reimbursement payment be made to Scott Freeman. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Klemme, Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson
Nay: None

DONATION TIPTON POST PROM: Motion by Wethington, seconded by McGlaughlin to approve a \$100 donation to the Tipton Post Prom Party. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme
Nay: None

TABACCO FREE POLICY – CITY PARK: Bonnie Butler, Cedar County Tobacco Prevention Program Coordinator, again addressed the council about instituting a Tobacco Free Policy for the entire City Park. Police Chief Hakeman said if an ordinance is adopted by the city prohibiting the use of tobacco products and that any violation to the ordinance would be treated as a misdemeanor. If a Tobacco Free Policy is adopted by the city, city police would not be responsible for enforcing the policy. Hakeman said he had no problem with which direction the city may want to go. After a brief discussion, council members voiced their approval toward adopting a policy and reviewing the policy after one year. Motion by Klemme, seconded by McGlaughlin to have Butler draft up a Tobacco Free Policy for the city park and bring back for council review. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington
Nay: None

DEMOLITION OLD WATER TOWER: Kris Clark, representing a few citizens, addressed the council concerning the demolition of the old water tower. Clark wanted to know if certain pieces could be saved and used as a landmark coming into the city limits. City Manager Boldt said he had visited with Mark Fincel, engineer for the project, and found out that some changes could be made in the contract, but a fixed cost for those changes is unknown. Council members had some concerns if the contract was altered, if it would be acceptable to the contractors who are in charge of the demolition and what the extra cost would be to the city. After a brief discussion, council members felt that the city should not be in the middle of decision making and that Clark should visit with the contractors and the engineer. Council instructed Boldt to see if he could talk with the parties involved and see if alterations to the demolition might be possible.

POWER PLANT RADIATORS & SILENCERS: In a memo from Electric Superintendent Packwood, the power plant radiators and silencers (mufflers) have become badly deteriorated. Packwood received a proposal from TMI Coatings to complete the work. The proposal includes a 3% discount if the city accepts the proposal by the end of February. Cost of the proposal is \$35,500 not including the 3% discount. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Klemme and seconded by Johnson to accept the proposal from TMI Coatings. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Johnson, Klemme, Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin
Nay: None

DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by McGlaughlin, seconded Wethington to approve Resolution No. 021808A, which is a resolution setting a date of Public Hearing on March 3rd, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a General Obligation Street Improvement Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of constructing street improvements. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Klemme, Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson
Nay: None

MONTHLY WATER REPORT: Motion by Anderson, seconded by McGlaughlin to approve the monthly Water Report for January. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme
Nay: None

MONTHLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Motion by Klemme, seconded by Anderson to approve monthly Community Development Report. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Anderson, Klemme, Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin
Nay: None

RENEWABLE ENERGY REPORT – GREEN ENERGY: Electric Superintendent Packwood reported on renewable energy through RPGI (Resale Power Group of Iowa). He serves on a committee with RPGI who research renewable energy options. RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) will provide RPGI members with economical means to establish renewable programs and provide cost effective hedge against proposed State mandated regulations.

Packwood said RECs, also referred to as tradable renewable energy certificates, green tags, are a secondary commodity that can be sold or traded anywhere in the country. The advantage in looking to RPIGI for this service is the purchasing power of the group as a whole rather than individual participation in the market. Packwood said at this time he is asking if the council would allow him to complete a survey on behalf of the city which he can provide to RPIGI. The information on the survey is required so that RPIGI may prepare and issue a Request for Proposals in order to secure the lowest cost of RECs for its members in a long term contract. Motion by Klemme, seconded by McGlaughlin to instruct Packwood to complete the survey on behalf of the city and submit to RPIGI. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington, Anderson
Nay: None

COUNCIL REPORT: Council member McGlaughlin had been asked by several residents why the city does not offer rebates or credits for buying energy efficient appliances. He said there had been some discussion on this topic at the last Electric Committee meeting. Electric Superintendent Packwood said he has budgeted funds for rebates/credits for new purchases of energy efficient appliances and is currently working with the Electric Committee to establish some kind of policy for acquiring rebates/credits. After a short discussion, motion was made by Klemme and seconded by Anderson for the Electric Committee to establish some kind of policy for rebates/credits for energy efficient appliances. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Johnson, Klemme, Wethington, Anderson, McGlaughlin
Nay: None

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Kepford appointed council member Anderson to the TEDCO Board. Anderson is replacing council member Wethington who has a conflict attending the monthly meetings.

Mayor Kepford thanked all city departments for the extra help they provided in the removal of the recent heavy snowfalls.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Boldt briefly discussed the following:

- a. Annual Chamber banquet is March 5th. RAGBRAI director T.J. Juskiewicz is keynote speaker.
- b. Natural Gas Repay Update from MMGA (Minnesota Municipal Gas Agency). Adverse conditions still preventing the execution of the contract.
- c. Received first draft of the City's code of Ordinances from Iowa Codification. Currently under review by city staff.
- d. Goal setting session is still set for February 27th.
- e. Accomplishments from the Development Commission for FY06-07 and FY07-08 since the hiring of Community Development Director Travis Alden.
- f. Layout of a sign prepared by Iowa Prison Industries the city is considering using in the downtown when the Public Works Department removes snow.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: City Manager Boldt presented the council with a balanced budget for the FY 2008-2009. Boldt said the roll-back is down about 1.5 percent from last year. Total budget is about 2.65 percent over last year's budget. With the 1.5 percent decrease in the roll-back, total increase over last years budget is about 1.15 percent.

Boldt said the FY08-09 budget is about 2.6 million more than last year's budget. He said the capital improvement for the substation upgrade is about 1.8 million of the 2.6 million. Another capital improvement for the street improvements project accounts for another \$575,000.

Lastly, Boldt thanked all city staff for all their efforts in coming up with a very workable budget for the FY2008-2009. Boldt also said a power-point presentation of the FY08-09 Budget will be presented at the Special City Council meeting to be held on March 10th, 2008, for approval of the FY08-09 City Budget.

DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Wethington, seconded by Johnson to set a date of public hearing for March 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for adoption of the FY 2008-2009 Tipton City Budget. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington
Nay: None

ADJOURN: With no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Wethington and seconded by Anderson. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: Anderson, McGlaughlin, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington
Nay: None

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

REVENUE RECEIVED – JANUARY 2008

PROPERTY TAXES	21434.45
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	16034.95
LICENSES & PERMITS	117.00
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	68711.66
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	126240.55
CHARGE FOR SERVICE	596225.10
MISCELLANEOUS	32017.97
TOTAL	860781.68