

February 4, 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, Packwood, Nash, Alden. Visitors: Several visitors and the press were also in attendance.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Scheduled – Steve Lacina and Bonnie Butler

CCEDCO Annual Report – Steve Lacina, Site Consultant for Cedar County Economic Development Commission gave a brief presentation of the activities that CCEDCO has been involved with during the past year. Lacina said Cedar County is heading in a positive direction with many new jobs being created throughout the County. Lastly, Lacina said the annual dues of \$7,888.00 for the City of Tipton remain unchanged for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Council thanked Lacina for his update on CCEDCO.

Bonnie Bulter, Cedar County Tobacco Prevention Program Coordinator, addressed the council about the possibility of instituting a Tobacco Free Policy for the entire City Park. Butler said there are three important issues why many City's throughout the State are enforcing tobacco free environments at recreational facilities:

1. Health concerns, mainly for children
2. Safety and welfare of all citizens
3. Cut down on litter and fires

Butler said the Tipton School Board approved a policy to make all school grounds inside and out smoke free. This includes the football field which is located within the city park. She said the policy could be enforced by city officials, park and recreation employees and residents who use the park on an ongoing basis. After a brief discussion, council said they would take her request under consideration.

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

1. Minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Liquor License Renewal – Liquor & Food Center.
3. Beer License Renewal – Tiger-Mart.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Kepford opened the Public Hearing for the first reading of Ordinance No. 499 which is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 422. City Manager Boldt gave a brief explanation for the ordinance amendment. With no further questions, Mayor Kepford closed the public hearing and asked for council action.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Klemme to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 499 and move for final approval. Ordinance No. 499 is an amendment to Ordinance No. 422. It reinserts section 1-5-1 and sections 1-5-3 through 1-5-8. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Kepford opened the Public Hearing on the Tipton 2006 CDBG Water Tower Project- Status of Funded Activities. Larry Nagle of ECIA gave the following background information to the council.

The City of Tipton applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist in the cost of constructing a new 500,000 gallon water tower. The existing 255,000 gallon tower, constructed in 1931, is deteriorating and existing water storage is far below current Iowa DNR standards. The City conducted an income survey in the summer of 2001 finding that 59.57% of the population was of low-to-moderate income, meeting one of the HUD national objectives for the CDBG program. The total program budget is \$937,500, consisting of the \$600,000 in CDBG funds and \$346,000 provided by the City Of Tipton.

PROJECT STATUS

The City contracted with ECIA for the grant administration and Garden & Associates for the engineering services. The environmental review and project plans and specifications have been completed. The city received two bids for the project: Maguire Iron and CB&I Constructors. The low bid of \$909,000 from Maguire Iron was accepted and a contract awarded. There were two change orders totaling \$15,450., bringing the total project to \$924,450.00. The water tower has been constructed with the tower painting remaining to be completed in the spring of 2008. The original CDBG contract end date is July 31, 2007, but has been extended until March 31, 2008.

After a short discussion, Mayor Kepford closed the public hearing.

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

AFLAC	138.54
ALLIANT ENERGY	195.50
ALTORFER	57.50
ARAMARK	44.26
BAKER & TAYLOR	319.80
BLUECROSS/BLUE SHIELD	19054.50
CDW GOVERNMENT	117.98
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	2321.04
CHERYL SCHMIDT	106.25
CITY ELECTRIC	854.08
CITY OF TIPTON	32.50
CITY UTILITIES	19432.22
COMSPEED	29.95

COMMUNITY INSURANCE	3218.00
COPY SYSTEMS	23.44
COUNTRY WELDING	421.41
DEMCO	120.10
ATTORNEY DENDINGER	1030.00
DON LAMP	475.00
EAST CENTRAL LIBRARY	25.00
ELITE DATA SYSTEMS	299.55
FARM PLAN CORPORATION	542.88
FIELDS MENS WEAR	180.00
G&K SERVICES	177.40
GOVCONNECTION	130.29
HARRY WETHINGTON	10142.00
HYGIENIC LABS	22.00
I.R.S.	13671.45
IOWA ASSOCIATION	185.00
IOWA PRISION INDUSTRIES	341.00
IOWA TELECOM	206.54
IPERS	5940.59
J.R. MECHANICAL	148.00
JIM ROHLF	50.00
KELLER'S	24.95
KUNDE OUTDOOR	244.96
KYOCERA MITA AMERICA	102.88
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	48.34
MCI	29.56
MEDIACOM	99.95
MIDAMERICA ENERGY	67000.00
MISC. VENDOR	19161.14
NEWTON HOME OIL	5143.03
NORTH AMERICA SALT	1193.40
ORNAMENTAL PLASTERWORK	4625.00
P&E ENGINEERING	1463.50
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION	47.96
RANDOM HOUSE	170.00
RK DIXON	31.06
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR	172.89
SPAHN & ROSE	442.68
STAPLES BUSINESS ADV.	161.33
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	144.99
STEVEN GAUNT	118.75
SUN LIFE OF CANADA	228.82
THE PENWORTHY COMPANY	253.66
TIPTON BAKERY	19.80
TREASURER, STATE	2346.00
UIHC EMSLRC	8.00
UNITED ELECTRICAL LOCCAL	110.00
VALIC	300.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	105.68
WALMART COMMUNITY	154.73
WENDLING QUARRIES	470.68
WESCO RECEIVABLES	660.23
WOOD, KEITH	3008.42
ZEE MEDICAL	46.10

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

REVISED FIRE STATION SCHEMATIC DRAWING: Dale Solum, of Solum Lang Architects gave a brief overview of the new proposed fire station. The site for the fire station remains unchanged. Following are some items that have reduced the cost of the fire station from 2.3 million down to 1.89 million:

1. One less bay area
2. Training area reduced to 1400 sq. feet
3. Floor plan reduced to 4000 sq. feet
4. Reduction in windows and doors around building

Solum said he would like to see the bond referendum done sometime in June of 2008. If the referendum is approved, this would allow bids to be sent out for an October bid letting and construction could begin in the spring of 2009. Solum along with Fire Chief Miller said members of the fire department have given their approval of the new proposed plans.

City Manager Boldt said that if the council is in favor of the revised Fire Station Schematic Drawing, that language for the referendum needs to be written up and a date set for the referendum needs to be set for sometime in June of 2008. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Klemme to approve the Revised Fire Station Schematic Drawing and authorize City Manager Boldt to precede with the referendum issues. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Travis Alden and Mark Niles spoke on behalf of Tipton's Development Commission for the Downtown Incentive Revitalization Program. Niles said seven applications were submitted and reviewed by the Commission. Two applications were not voted on and one applicant withdrew their application. Following are those seven applications with recommendations from the Development Commission. Each recommendation was approved unanimously.

1. Stuart Clark - 523 Cedar Street (upstairs) Commercial Interior Grant. Amount Requested \$3000.00. Amount recommended \$0.
2. Stuart Clark - 523 Cedar Street (downstairs) Façade & Commercial Interior Grants. Amount Requested \$7,500.00 for Façade and \$7,500.00 for Interior. Amount recommended \$15,000.00.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Klemme to approve application No.2 submitted by Stuart Clark. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

3. Conservative Publishing - 525 Cedar Street (downstairs) Façade & Commercial Interior Grants. Amount Requested \$7,500.00 for Façade and \$7,500.00 for Interior. Amount recommended \$15,000.00.

Motion by Klemme, seconded by Wethington to approve application No.3 submitted by Conservative Publishing. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

4. Citizen's Bank – 427 Cedar Street. Façade Grant. Amount Requested \$7,500.00. Amount recommended \$3,250.00. Citizen's Bank withdrew their application form consideration.
5. J. David Tripp – 516 Cedar Street. Façade Grant. Amount Requested \$1,993.00. Amount recommended \$1,993.00.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wethington to approve application No.5 submitted by David Tripp. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

6. Pam LaRue – 421 Cedar Street. Commercial Interior Grant. Amount Requested \$7,500.00. Amount recommended \$0.
7. Pam LaRue – 421 Cedar Street. Façade Grant. Amount Requested \$1,858.96. Amount recommended \$1,858.96.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Klemme to approve application No.7 submitted by Pam LaRue. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Total recommended funding for this application round: \$33,851.96

Total amount approved by the City Council year-to-date: \$27,002.50

REVIEW OF CITY OF TIPTON FY 08-09 BUDGET: The following Department Heads discussed their budgets for the FY 08-09:

Ambulance Director Witry
Fire Chief Miller
Library Director Smith
Airport Director Rohlf
Economic Development Director Alden
Public Works Director Nash
Electric Superintendent Packwood
Assistant Police Chief Dietrich
Gas Superintendent Penrod
Family Aquatic Center Director Spangler
City Clerk Foley

City Manager Boldt made the following remarks concerning the FY2008-2009 Tipton City Budget:

1. Proposed budget stands around 19 million dollars.
2. Of that 19 million, 4.5 million is for capital improvements.
3. Of the 4.5 million, 4.2 million is for the new substation.
4. Proposed budget is about 2 million more than previous year's budget.
5. \$575,000 is for the 2008 Street Improvements Project which already has been approved by the council.
6. Proposed budget is short about 1 million dollars in revenues.
7. Majority of the shortage should be made up from property taxes and in house transfers.

8. Property tax levy stands at 11.80.
9. Last years property tax levy was 11.49.
10. This would be an increase of .30.
11. Proposed budget for FY2008-2009 is about 2.6 percent higher than the FY2007-2008 budget.

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

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

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk