

September 12, 2011
Council Chambers
City Hall
Tipton, Iowa

The City Council of the City of Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, met in Special Meeting/Work Session at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Kepford called the meeting to order. Upon roll call the following named council members were present: Fry, McGlaughlin, Anderson and Siech. Also present: Boldt, Fletcher, Lenz, City Department Heads, City Staff, and the press.

Mayor Kepford led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by Siech, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call the vote;

Aye: McGlaughlin, Siech, Fry, Anderson
Nay: None

Discussion Video Tour for the Website:

Continues to go well, next day of production 09/30/2011. Sanborn expects the video will be on the website in January, 2012.

Dicussion of Potential Wind Energy:

It is not economically feasible, pay back not there at this time. Consensus of the council that the City should continue to explore other options.

Discussion of Old Cedar County Historical Society Building:

Building was going to be moved, but cost is prohibitive. The building will be sold and the funds will be used for the new building at the Historical Society site. Bids will need to be submitted and the building sold to the highest bidder. Councilperson Fry suggested bidding \$500 to get the City in the process, consensus of the council not to bid more than \$1000. Boldt said during the process, if necessary, he would contact the council.

Discussion of NewCom Technologies GIS Proposal:

Council questioned how the software would be paid for, splitting costs and the license fees. Consensus of council is to place the NewCom Technologies GIS proposal on the agenda for the next meeting. City Manager Boldt will have the cost of the annual licensing fee information for the next council meeting.

Discussion of Administrative Assistant Position:

Council concerned about the budget impact, but they understand the need. Boldt explained how the cost will be divided and that the new position will be located at City Hall. Boldt would like to start 2012 with everyone in place. Siech, Fry, McGlaughlin, Anderson all agree to new position as long as the budget can handle the cost.

Discussion of Future Use of Current Fire Station:

Boldt asked for council input for future use of the current station. The need for ground floor council chambers was mentioned. After further discussion it was the consensus of the council to have the city engineers determine the integrity of the station before any decision is made for future use.

Discussion of Community Center and Update for Hardacre Theatre:

Boldt said with the resignation of Councilperson Klemme we need to add another member to the committee and set up tours of Community Centers. Councilperson Fry volunteered. Sanborn discussed the Hardacre Theatre. By the end of 2012, films will be phased out and all movies will be in digital form. The Hardacre doesn't have the digital equipment and the cost to upgrade is between \$65,000 and \$100,000. It was suggested to have the building inspected before any plans for future use move forward. Sanborn suggested the Hardacre could be a multi-purpose facility, for more than performing arts. Councilperson Siech suggested contacting the school superintendent to possibly combine the Hardacre project with the school auditorium renovation.

Councilperson Fry said these types of meeting are well worth the time, likes the format.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Anderson, second by McGlaughlin. Motion passed with the following roll call vote;

Aye: Anderson, McGlaughlin, Siech, Fry
Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Finance Officer