

May 11, 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, Klemme, Anderson and Siech. Also present: Boldt, Fletcher, City Department Heads, City Staff and the press.

Mayor Kepford led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Mayor Kepford asked for an addition to the agenda. She stated that Steve Nash would like to give a cemetery update. Motion by Klemme, second by Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried by the following roll call the vote;

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

Rental Housing Code:

City Manager Boldt stated he will be meeting with Terry Goerdts next week to move forward with the rental housing regulations. They will be using West Liberty's code as a template.

Change in Recycling Process:

Boldt stated that the new process is going very well with positive changes.

Parking Issues, Traffic Flow and Signage:

Director of Public Works Nash and Chief of Police Holub have been out assessing the issues. Some signs have already been put in place.

Discussion of Downtown Sidewalk/Streetscape Project – Phase III:

It is the consensus of the council to complete the sidewalks on the south side of West 4th Street from Cedar Street to the alley, East and West 6th Street from Cedar Street to the alley west of Cedar Street and to Stueland Auto Center east of Cedar Street. The new sidewalks will not have the decorative brick. The cost to complete these sections will be about \$75,000.

Discussion of Extension of Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program:

Anderson suggested the program be extended another year at \$25,000. Klemme and Siech agreed to that. Fry agreed to start at \$25,000 but not to put a timeline on it and also leave the door open to increase the amount if needed. It is the consensus of the council to get the program back out there and advertise.

Discussion of Video Tour of City for Website:

Community Development Director Sanborn stated we need to touch on all aspects of the City. Civic groups could be added by linking their information. There will be a core video plus more in depth links with information relating to specific areas and City Departments that will be useful, for example, to a business looking to come to Tipton or for a family looking to relocate in Tipton.

Discussion of Potential Wind Energy:

Boldt reviewed the Powerpoint information from Howard R. Green regarding wind energy for the City. It is the consensus of the council to check into a small wind turbine that could be used to help the energy cost at the James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center.

Discussion of Future Use of Current Fire Station:

Boldt stated that there are many options for the building and will be several more meetings on this topic. One suggestion was to move the Police Department to the current fire station. They would have more room and privacy. Then the Community Development office could be moved to City Hall and not pay rent anymore. Another suggestion was that the bay area could be used for police, electric and gas departments to park vehicles. The council chambers could possibly be moved over there as well as to make it handicap accessible and then the old Council Chambers would be freed up for something else. However, City Hall could possibly be expanded to the north for new council chambers as well. As stated earlier, more discussion on this is yet to come.

Discussion of Community Center:

Boldt stated that space and parking will need to be addressed first. A committee will be formed to do research on the community needs and visit other facilities. Siech and Klemme will be on the committee.

Cemetery Update:

Nash stated that they are trying to utilize city staff and equipment. City equipment will not work for cemetery use because stones are so close together and cornering is an issue. Notification/scheduling has been a challenge as well. Some options are to purchase Keith Wood’s truck, do a pickup insert and/or talk to Larry Martens about continuing to do the dig out and add the fill in process.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Siech, second by Klemme. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Finance Officer