

September 4, 2007
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 Young called the meeting to order. Upon roll call the following named council members were present: Anderson, Johnson, McGlaughlin, Wethington. Also present: Boldt, Foley, Alden, Nash, Hakeman, Penrod, Packwood. Several visitors and the press were also in attendance.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Unscheduled – None

Scheduled – Travis Alden, Tipton Community Development Director and Meg Flenker of Flenker Land Architecture Consultants gave a very detailed presentation of final designs for the Community Visioning Process. A brief question and answer session followed the presentation.

Scheduled – (BP) British Petroleum Canada representative Mathew Leach and representative Anthony Hedlaf of Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association gave another brief presentation to the council on their Gas Prepayment proposal. This would be a joint agreement with BP Canada, Morgan Stanley and Midwest Consortium of Municipal Utilities. By joining this agreement, Tipton could participate through a take and pay gas supply contract for 20 years. Gas Superintendent Penrod informed the council that if Tipton is interested in joining this agreement that they need to make a decision prior to October 9th 2007. City Manager Boldt said the city will review the agreement and have a decision by the October 1st council meeting.

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

1. Minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Liquor License Renewal – Reggie's.
3. Garbage Exemption – John Dornfeld.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Young opened the Public Hearing for the first reading of Proposed Ordinance 494, Providing for the Vacation of an Alley in Block 71, Starr's Addition, Tipton, Iowa. The request for the alley vacation was submitted by Cedar County Coordinated Child Care (CCCCC). Monte and Barbara Stuckey who run a Business along the same alley presented a letter to the council and (CCCCC) prior to the meeting. The letter contained several concerns and unanswered questions they still had about the vacation of the alley. After a brief discussion, Mayor Young closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Wethington, seconded by Anderson to have the second reading of

Proposed Ordinance 494 at the September 17th, 2007 city council meeting. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Young opened the Public Hearing for the first reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendment No.496, Mayor and Council Members Compensation. Council Member McGlaughlin felt that no raise should be considered and said he was comfortable with the pay he was currently receiving. Other council members said compensation was not an issue and that their main concern for serving on the council was to represent the citizens of Tipton in the best way possible. After a brief discussion, Mayor Young closed the Public Hearing. Motion by McGlaughlin and seconded by Wethington to have the second reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendment No.496 at the September 17th, 2007 council meeting. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

AFLAC	138.54
ALBAUGH PHC	342.35
ALLIANT ENERGY	195.50
AMERICAN RED CROSS	387.00
ARAMARK	133.54
BAKER & TAYLOR	194.56
BLUS CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	1286.80
BRAD PECK	153.26
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	38.34
CITY CARTON	618.10
CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY	1556.40
CITY METER REFUNDS	784.81
CITY OF TIPTON	275.00
REVOLVING CENTRAL GARAGE	14266.63
CITY UTILITIES	28303.30
CONNIE KNOUSE	57.00
CORTEZ TRUCK EQUIPMENT	1648.33
CUSTOM BUILDERS	27.96
DANE ESBECK	275.0
DEMCO	30.78
EAST CENTRAL LIBRARY	8.02
ECIA	1575.97
EITA	165.00
EMP INC	889.66
ENERGY ECONOMICS	545.57
FARM PLAN CORPORATION	671.02
FARNER-BOCKEN	558.61
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	1066.10
FRIENDS OF ANIMALS	450.00
G&K SERVICES	48.88
GIERKE ROBINSON	81.00
GOCONNECTION	106.85
GRAYBAR	123.28
HARRY'S CUSTOM TROPHIES	50.95
I.R.S.	14320.67
CRIME ANALY MEMBERSHIP	25.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION	632.23

IOWA DEPT. TRANSPORTATION	457.97
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT	120.00
IOWA RURAL WATER	20.00
IOWA TELECOM	345.11
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD	1075.00
IPERS	5823.99
KEN'S REFRIGERATION	28.00
KLUESNER CONSTRUCTION	8667.61
KNOWLWDGE INDUSTRIES	71.82
KOCH ELECTRIC	2136.42
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	38.25
KYOCERS MITA AMERICA	102.88
M&K ELECTRIC	562.21
MCI	38.54
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	98000.00
MISC. VENDOR	1295.47
MONROE SYSTEMS	78.81
ORTIVUS NORTH AMERICA	165.00
PEDERSEN LAND IMPROVEMENT	400.00
PITNEY BOWES	57.48
PRAXXIR DISTRIBUTION	41.69
PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	2511.85
PRICE/WILTON OIL	1079.10
PRIOR GASKETS	477.13
QUILL CORPORATION	63.02
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	125.00
RANDOM HOUSE	93.50
RIVER CITY FORD	27.87
SCHUMACHER ELEV.	167.85
SPAHN & ROSE	214.15
STAPLES BUSINESS	393.72
TERRY DURIN	85.05
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	45.79
TIPTON DAIRY QUEEN	55.66
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS	53.50
TIPTON TIRE & AUTO	17.00
TRAVIS ALDEN	150.00
TREASURER, IOWA	2338.00
TRUCK COUNTRY CEDAR RAPIDS	7.02
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	1100.00
UNIFORM DEN	115.94
UTILITY EQUIPMENT	3884.53
VALIC	300.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	107.82
VIRGIL PENROD	75.00
WALMART COMMUNITY	234.70
WENDLING QUARRIES	314.41
WESCO	298.85
WASTE MANAGEMENT	10304.05
WTC COMMUNICATIONS	128.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

PAY APPLICATION: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wethington to approve pay application No.4 in the amount of \$15962.25 to Lynch's Excavating for work completed on Sanitary Sewer Extensions, Locust and Orange Streets. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

THERAPY POOL SURVEY: City Manager Boldt gave the council results of the Therapy Pool Survey that were sent out through all the utility billing cycles. Boldt said the results of the survey were not in favor of constructing a therapy pool at the Family Aquatic Center. Betty Emrich was present to discuss the results and answer any questions the council or those in attendance might have. After a brief discussion, Boldt said that the city has been in contact with the individual who the donation would go back to if the therapy pool is not constructed. The spring of 2008 is the deadline for the money to be used for the construction of the pool. Boldt said they will continue to have contact with the individual and discuss other options that might be available.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – FAC: City Manager Boldt gave the council a Maintenance Agreement with Hometown Plumbing & Heating for the Family Aquatic Center. Boldt explained that the current warranty agreement with Hometown expires in three months. Boldt feels the city should consider entering into this maintenance agreement with Hometown. He explained that the extent of the monthly, bi-annual and annual maintenance items that need inspection or service, that the knowledge of a company like Hometown providing such a service would be very beneficial in the longer term functionality of the facility. Boldt said he was not looking for immediate council approval and that the agreement was only for council review and would like the council to act on this issue at the next council meeting.

WATER MAIN UPGRADE: City Manager Boldt informed the council that in conjunction with the Downtown Streetscape project, that the city would like to propose the replacement of the original four inch water main in the 100 Block of East 5th Street. Boldt explained that within the last seven years there has been three water main breaks in this main and with the street being torn up for the Streetscape project that this would be an ideal time to replace the main. Boldt said cost for materials and labor would be around \$6000. Motion by Wethington, seconded by McGlaughlin to replace the water main in conjunction with the Streetscape project. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

LAPTOP COMPUTERS, CITY COUNCIL: City Manager Boldt presented the council with several quotes for laptop computers. Boldt explained to the council that the quotes are for very basic computers with minimal software that can be used for the council e-packets. He said he would also like to purchase a jump drive and have the agenda downloaded on to that and distributed like the council packets currently are. After a brief discussion, council members felt that the purchase of new laptops instead of used ones would be the best direction to pursue. Boldt said he would get together with department heads and spec out a simple, but reliable laptop computer and bring back to the council for their review and approval.

BIDS – DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wethington to approve the solicitation of bids for new Streetlights plus Structures for the Downtown Streetscape Project. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPOINTMENT – 1ST WARD VACENCY: City Manager Boldt turned this topic over to the council for their discussion. Council Member McGlaughlin felt that with the current council having a limited number of years of experience, that former Council Member Charlie Linn would be a good candidate to fill the vacant 1st Ward council position. Council Member Johnson agreed with McGlaughlin. Council Members Anderson and Wethington felt that with the upcoming election in November that it would be best to leave the 1st Ward council position vacant and let the voters of the 1st Ward decide who they feel would best represent their Ward. After a short discussion, motion was made by McGlaughlin and seconded by Johnson to appoint Charlie Linn to fill the 1st Ward council seat vacancy. Upon roll call the vote was:

Aye: McGlaughlin, Johnson
Nay: Wethington, Anderson

The vote failed due to a lack of majority of those voting in favor of the motion.

STREET CLOSURE: Motion by Wethington, seconded by McGlaughlin to approve request for Street Closure from the Tipton Boy Scouts for Soap Box Derby on September 8, 2007. This would be for the Park Road located in the City Park. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT: The monthly Library report was received and filed.

CCEDCO REPORT: Steve Lacina, president of CCEDCO, was present and gave a brief overview of the monthly CCEDCO report.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: City Manager Boldt reported on the following:

1. Presented the council with a schematic drawing of the water tower lettering and the addition of two tiger paws. The cost of adding extra labor, template is around \$2500. Council gave their approval.
2. Survey crew from Garden & Associates completed their work for the Downtown Streetscape Project.
3. Library Board asked Boldt to be part of the interviewing and selection process for the new Library Director.
4. Mark Fincel of Garden & Associates has sent a letter to the IDNR explaining the City’s Inflow & Infiltration plan and past practices.

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

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

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

REVENUE RECEIVED – JUNE 2007

PROPERTY TAXES	3903.95
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	13826.35
LICENSES & PERMITS	1067.50
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	91611.87
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	76780.73
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	526410.39
MISCELLANEOUS	79682.57
TOTAL	793283.36