

December 3, 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, Klemme, McGlaughlin, Wethington. Also present: Boldt, Foley, Hakeman, Nash, Packwood, Penrod, Hembry. Visitors: Several visitors and the press were also in attendance.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Scheduled – State Representative Jeff Kaufmann gave the council a brief update on upcoming Legislative issues for 2008:

1. Property Tax Reform – No dollars available, will continue to work hard for smaller cities to see that they get their fair share.
2. Bill being proposed that local governments will have the authority to enforce a ban on smoking in public places.
3. Mandates on local governments, will continue to fight this issue.
4. Street and Road Use Tax money, will continue to see that funds are divided equally.

Kaufman thanked the council for allowing him time to speak with them and to contact him at any time with questions or concerns.

Unscheduled – None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda which included the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

ABC FIRE PROTECTION	245.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	195.50
ALTORFER	100.72
ARAMARK	152.24
ARROW QUICK	912.50
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	227.50
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	2497.74
CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY	233.86
CITY UTILITIES	9696.09

COMMSPEED	29.95
DORSEY&WHITNEY	2034.50
DUECO	577.50
ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT	13.50
ENERGY ECONOMICS	1721.17
FARM PLAN CORPORATION	356.89
FARNER BOCKEN COMPANY	771.00
FESLER'S INC.	59.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	1466.07
FOSTER COACH SALES	33.76
FRIENDS OF ANIMALS	450.00
G&K SERVICES	170.20
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES	557.02
IOWA ASSOCIATION	632.23
IOWA CITY COUNTY MANAGEMENT	160.00
IOWA PUBLIC AIRPORT ASSOCIATION	150.00
JIM ROHLF	50.00
MANATTS	90.00
MID-LAND EQUIPMENT	64.79
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	144000.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION	185.87
REPUBLIC COMPANIES	170.48
RK DIXON	15.53
S&W HEALTHCARE	29.58
SPAHN & ROSE	198.88
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	264.97
SUN LIFE OF CANADA	40.80
TERRY DURIN COMPANY	204.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT	3376.33
VAN METER INDUSTRIAL	27.41
VERIZON WIRELESS	105.79
WALMART COMMUNITY	101.14
WENDLING QUARRIES	1793.19
WOOD, KEITH	3008.42

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

HANDICAP PARKING: City Manager Boldt, Police Chief Hakeman and Public Works Director Nash briefly discussed the current Handicap parking in the Downtown area. All agreed that it would be a good time to readdress the situation with the first phase of the Downtown Streetscape Project being completed. Council reviewed the current handicap parking map which was completed in 2003. A few areas of concern were addressed and Boldt said he would get together with Hakeman and Nash and have a revised handicap parking map, which they will present to the council for their review at a later date.

2008 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM: City Manager Boldt presented a revised estimate and schedule for the 2008 Street Improvements Program from Jack Pope , Engineer from Garden & Associates. Boldt said that he and Pope along with Public Works Director Nash recommend that the original schedule which was approved by the council in the fall of 2006 be slightly revised. They are recommending delaying the reconstruction of Plum Street from North Street to the City Limits, add West Second Street from Spruce Street to Lemon Street and add Seventh Street from Locust Street to Lemon Street. Below are estimated costs for the project:

Segment	Project Cost Range	Projected Improvements
Plum St.-North St.-Corp Limits	\$417,600-\$626,400	Reconstruct-Curb/Gutter
Meridian St.-Seventh St. to Tenth	\$313,500-\$365,000	Reconstruct
Eighth St.-Sycamore St. to Cedar	\$208,800-\$261,000	Overlay/Reconstruct
Second St.-Spruce St. to Lemon	\$65,000-\$72,000	Overlay
Seventh St.-Locust St.-Lemon	\$45,000-\$56,000	Overlay
Total Project Cost	\$1,049,000-\$1,380,400	
Total Project Cost w/o Plum St.	\$632,900-\$754,000	

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Klemme to approve the 2008 Street Improvements Project which excludes the reconstruction of Plum Street to Corp. Limits. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NATURAL GAS PREPAY PROPOSAL: City Manager Boldt and Gas Superintendent Penrod presented the council with an update of the final Natural Gas Prepay Proposal between the City of Tipton and Midwest Consortium of Municipal Utilities and Minnesota Municipal Gas Agency(MMGA). Attorney Thomas Gorak has reviewed the contract and made the necessary changes. Boldt said that everything appears to be in order except for the stability of the market to provide the most favorable savings level. The target discount amount still is \$0.65. MMGA is guaranteeing a minimum of \$0.50 discount for those who sign the contract immediately. Boldt said MMGA is leaving an open window to execute the transaction until April 1, 2008, to give the market enough time to stabilize and achieve the \$0.65 discount level. Boldt said he and Penrod are comfortable recommending approving the contract and hopefully reach the full discount of \$0.65. The contract is for 20 years. Council Member McGlaughlin was not in favor of signing a 20 year contract and thought there should be some kind of escape clause allowing the City to break the contract if they were not satisfied with the services being offered. He also felt the City should pursue other natural gas suppliers besides BP Canada. After further discussion, motion was made by Wethington and seconded by Anderson to approve the contract for the Natural Gas Prepay Proposal. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Johnson, Klemme, Wethington
Nay: McGlaughlin

Library report received and filed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Boldt briefly reported on the following:

1. Work on the Downtown Streetscape Project will resume in the spring.
2. Informed the council of the garbage and recycling schedule for the Christmas Holidays. Notice will be in the local newspaper.
3. Plans and specifications for the demolition of the old water tower are available for review in the conference room. Public hearing for bids is scheduled for December 17th council meeting.
4. Informed the council of a situation that happened at the Family Aquatic Center over the Thanksgiving holiday. Boldt said condensation in a junction box of one of the Desert Aire units tripped the fire alarm sensors. No fire was reported by the fire department who responded to the alarm. Boldt said Northwest Mechanical checked the Desert Aire unit and found nothing malfunctioning. He also said that Simplex Grinnell, the fire alarm company is scheduled to come and do an inspection. Boldt said he would keep the council advised.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by McGlaughlin, seconded by Wethington to go into Closed Session at 6:17 p.m. in accordance with Iowa Code 20.17(3), Public Employment Relations Procedures. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Anderson, seconded Wethington to go out of Closed Session and back into Regular Session at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No decision was made during Closed Session

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

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

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk