

December 17, 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, Fletcher, Packwood, Nash, Penrod, Hakeman, Alden. Visitors: Several visitors and the press were also in attendance.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS: The following individuals gave praise to Mayor Donald Young for his eight years of service to the city of Tipton:

Jeff Meyer – Expressed appreciation to Mayor Young for all of his years of service to the city, community, organizations and all the committees he served on.

Paul Stueland – Expressed appreciation from all the members of the Tipton Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Stephens – Said that Mayor Young was the best mayor he has ever worked for.

Dave Tripp – Said the city has made great strides in improving the Downtown Businesses and that the city needs to continue to move forward even in the absence of Mayor Young. He said the business community wanted the City to continue to move forward and not look back.

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

1. Minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Clerks/Investment Reports.
3. Beer License Renewal – Casey's.
4. Liquor License renewal – Cedar Lanes.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Young opened the Public Hearing on Consideration of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for Water Systems Improvements: Demolition of 250,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank and Consideration of Award of Bid. No oral or written comments were heard. With none being heard, Mayor Young closed the Public Hearing and asked for council action.

City Manager Boldt said the city received two bids, one from Iseler Demolition, Inc. for \$19,870.00 and the other from ABC Crane Company for \$20,535.00. Boldt said the bids were reviewed by Garden & Associates, Engineers for the project and that it is their recommendation to award the low bid to Iseler Demolition.

After a short discussion, motion was made by Anderson and seconded by McGlaughlin to award the bid to Iseler Demolition, Inc. for Consideration of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for Water System Improvements: Demolition of 250,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Wethington, seconded by Johnson that at 5:30 p.m. at the Tipton Council Chambers, Tipton, Iowa, on 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008, there will be conducted a public hearing on the question of designating an expanded Tipton Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, by adding and including all the property generally described as follows:

Auditors Parcel J, being comprised of approximately 16.81 acres of real property in the City of Tipton, Iowa, lying immediately south of the Prairie Hills Assisted Living Facility and bounded on the south by the southern limit. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 121707A: Motion by Wethington, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 121707A which is a Resolution for setting a Public Hearing date of January 21, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for designation of expanded Tipton urban renewal area and on the proposed urban renewal plan amendment. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 121707B: Motion by Klemme, seconded by Wethington to approve Resolution No. 121707B, which is a resolution correcting Resolution No. 030905B. City Manager Boldt said the city council approved Resolution No. 030905B which contained an application for Annexation submitted by Mike and Deb Cook. The original application contained a typographical error which resulted in this area not being recognized inside the city limits. Resolution 121707B corrects the typo which is in the second paragraph under item 'A' which starts out, 'Lot 3 in the Southwest' and it should read, 'Lot C in the Southwest'. Motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

ALBAUGH	186.39
ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES	19203.33
ALTORFER	214.77
ARAMARK	147.63
ARROW QUICK	834.95
BARRON EQUIPMENT	2662.72
BUSINESS RADIO SALES	62.50
CBE GROUP	23.65
CEDAR COUNTY AUTO PARTS	319.17

CEDAR COUNTY CO-OP	2747.70
CEDAR COUNTY ENGINEER	3060.60
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	2319.00
CEDAR RAPIDS WELDING	4.82
CITY CARTON	866.60
CITY UTILITIES	120.33
CLARENCE LOWDEN SUN NEWS	89.25
CONSTRUCTION & AGGERGATE	54.68
CUSTOM BUILDERS	92.47
DAVIS FARM EQUIPMENT	10.23
EASTERN IA. LIGHT & PWR.	585.93
ELIJAH ENTERPRISES	60.00
FLETCHER, LORNA	80.00
FLETCHER REINHARDT	941.56
GARDEN & ASSOCIATES	17031.64
GENERAL PEST CONTROL	140.68
GRAINGER	155.90
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY	186.00
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES	480.54
H&H AUTO	166.94
IOWA ASSOCIATION	60.00
IOWA NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION	86.70
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	500.10
LYNCH EXCAVATING	40689.38
M&K ELECTRIC	85.00
MEDTRONIC PHYSIO CONTROL	1710.00
MIDWEST IRRIGATION	210.00
JON MOORE	16.44
NATIONAL FLAGPOLE	154.00
NEWTON HOME OIL	30.00
NORTHWEST MECHANICAL	5617.00
O'ROURKE MOTORS	147.43
ORTIVUS NORTH AMERICA	1292.50
PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS JANITORIAL	29.12
POOL CLEANER SERVICES	745.00
PRAIRIE HILLS	24535.50
REPUBLIC COMPANIES	852.50
RESALE POWER GROUP	77158.55
RESCO	281.32
RV CUMMINS	8307.67
SANDARAC CONSTRUCTION	1094.98
SENECA COMPANIES	2885.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	953.17
TIPTON STRUCTURAL FABRICATION	1476.49
TIPTON TIRE & AUUTO	898.85
VALHALLA TACTICAL SUPPLY	142.00
WESCO	135.08
XEROX CORPORATION	878.35
ZEE MEDICAL	62.95

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

PAY APPLICATION – MAGUIRE: Motion by McGlaughlin, seconded by Klemme to approve Pay Application No. 9 submitted by Maguire Iron in the amount of \$16,150.00 for work completed on the Elevated Storage Tank. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

MONTHLY WATER REPORT: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wethington to approve monthly water report for November. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

REPORTS RECEIVED/FILED: Council received and filed the following reports:

1. Monthly Community Development Report.
2. Tipton Development Commission Minutes.
3. Tipton Library Board Minutes.

COUNCIL REPORT: Council member Johnson noted that the Electric Department did a great job cleaning up after the recent ice storm.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS: City Manager Boldt reported on the following:

1. Received a letter from Board of Directors of the Tipton Country Club. They are requesting the city to restore the fairways that were affected by west trunk sewer line project. Board not happy with the way they were originally restored after the project was completed. Boldt said he and Public Works Director Nash would take a look at the fairways once the snow has melted.
2. Boldt said he has received much positive feedback from the public on the 10 Year Project History brochure that has been recently distributed.
3. Would like to hold another goal setting session with council and staff sometime in February or March. Will report back to the council when a date has been established.
4. New water tower was put into service on Thursday, December 6, 2007.
5. Thanked city crews for the excellent job they did in cleaning up damaged trees and restoring power that was caused by the recent ice storm.
6. Presented the council for their review, a proposed calendar for this year's budget process.

THANKS TO MAYOR YOUNG: City Manager Boldt, on behalf of himself and all city staff, thanked Mayor Young for his eight years of service. He said the staff has appreciated the relationship that was formed with the Mayor and that not only has he been our leader but has also been our mentor and friend.

FAREWELL FROM MAYOR YOUNG: As this is my last regular council meeting, I want to take a few minutes and reflect on the last eight years of my being Mayor. I want to first say what an honor it has been to be the Mayor of this great community and to have the opportunity to work with the City Council, past and present, and also all of the various committees, organizations and individuals.

The City has made a lot of progress over the past 8-10 years and I am very pleased to have been a part of it. There are a number of things I am very proud of, too many to list, but would like to touch upon a few and conversely, as no tenure is without its “difficult” moments, I am going to touch upon a few of those as well.

I was very proud to witness the entire community and school district come together to build the James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center. It was remarkable to see the efforts of everyone involved from conception to the grand opening. This is a facility that will benefit all of Tipton and Cedar County for many years to come. This has already been witnessed as the Iowa League of Cities recognized the project by naming it as the 2006 Community All-Star Award.

I am very proud of the economic development progress that has taken place. Tipton has three tenants in its Industrial Park and due to the passage of the 1% Local Option Tax was able to hire a Community Development Director. I, like many, believe we have just scratched the surface in this area.

I have not been pleased with the, for lack of a better word, “beating”, our Police Chief has taken over the past several years. People should remember that the responsibility of a police department is to serve and protect. Crime has steadily declined in Tipton over the last five years and no matter what an individual’s personal conflict may be with the Chief, the bottom line is that this group of police officers, led by the Chief, is more skilled, trained and educated than any other group of officers Tipton has ever had.

I am very proud of the Street Improvements Program the City undertook in 2002 and implemented in 2003. With the help of Garden & Associates, the City’s engineers, we have made wholesale improvements in the conditions of the streets and there is more to come.

I was not pleased to have used my veto power, when I vetoed the formation of the utility operations review and advisory commission. Although I fully support developing backups for the electric, gas and water and wastewater departments, I did not believe this was the actual motive of the commission and therefore not the answer. One very important aspect this proposal lacked was staff input as it was never asked. When this topic comes up again, I would advise this City Council to seek staff input on what solutions they might have to this topic and not simply pawn its responsibilities off on a committee or commission. Also, this Council should remember, as our City Attorney has previously pointed out, that the intent of city government is to conduct its business in the eyes of the public as much as it can.

I am very proud of the improvements that have been made in the City Park to the ball diamonds, the new youth recreation fields and hopefully, very soon, the tennis courts. I am also proud of the recent improvements and the positive direction the Mathews Memorial Airport is heading. I am also very proud of the direction the Downtown is heading with the Sidewalk/Streetscape project and the Revitalization Program. The Downtown is a vital part of the community and these improvements will only enhance the Downtown's role in future economic development efforts. These are three amenities Tipton has that greatly contribute to the overall "sellability" of Tipton that we have often taken for granted.

I was very disturbed to read in the Tipton Conservative a statement by a councilperson running for re-election, saying that the City needed to be more "fiscally responsible" and I quote: "We need to plan and spend smarter than we have in the past". End quote. If there is one thing the City has done very well over the last 20 years, it has been being fiscally responsible. Tipton would not have a 6 million dollar bonding capacity if it weren't fiscally responsible. We would not have a tax levy almost \$3 better (or less) than the average of the Iowa towns our size and a rank of 478 out of 948 Iowa communities, if we weren't fiscally responsible. Tipton simply would not have been able to do the things we have done, almost all of which were spelled out in the "Ten Year Project History" brochure included in this meeting's packet, if we weren't fiscally responsible and had planned and budgeted everything that has been done. This statement is very disrespectful to this Council, previous city councils and past and present City staff.

Lastly, I am extremely proud of the "Team" of City employees I have had an opportunity to work and relate with. I have especially enjoyed working with the City Managers, Dick Schrad and Doug Boldt. I wish the general public could have the opportunity that I have had to interact with all of these employees. Any Mayor and City Council is at an extreme disadvantage, as we only show up in this room, about twice a month and conduct business based mostly on the information the City staff has given us, when the real "workhorses" of the City are the employees who are here doing the work of the City everyday. This community has no idea how truly fortunate it is to have such talented and dedicated employees. This may seem like a bold statement, but trust me, I know this first hand.

Again, I want to say how much of an honor it has been to be Mayor the last eight years. I want to say "Thank you" to everyone I have had a chance to work with and I wish the new Mayor and City Council great success in the future and to build on the momentum of the past 8-10 years and keep the progress of Tipton moving forward.

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

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

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Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

REVENUE RECEIVED – OCTOBER 2007

PROPERTY TAXES	338195.19
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	15438.70
LICENSES & PERMITS	388.91
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	44342.29
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	37059.81
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	630706.76
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	16005.00
MISCELLANEOUS	95558.55
TOTAL	1177695.21

REVENUE RECEIVED – NOVEMBER 2007

PROPERTY TAXES	119474.41
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	21977.14
LICENSES & PERMITS	770.00
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	19919.63
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	20787.44
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	495886.81
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	5420.00
MISCELLANEOUS	31149.86
TOTAL	715385.29