

May 23, 2012
Council Chambers
City Hall
Tipton, Iowa

The City Council of the City of Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, met in Special Meeting/Quarterly 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, Spear, Zearley and Anderson. Siech was absent. Also present Boldt, Fletcher, Lenz, Nash, Spangler, Penrod, Holub, Packwood, Hudson, Sanborn, Wild and the press.

Mayor Kepford led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by Zearley, second by Spear to approve the agenda with the addition of Home Energy Audits. Motion carried by the following roll call the vote;

Aye: Spear, Zearley, Fry, Anderson
Nay: None

Review/Update of Previous Quarterly Meeting Topics:

1. Old Cedar County Historical Society Building

We received the quick claim deed and paid for the building today.

2. New Com Technologies GIS Proposal

We received software this week and there will be training the second week of June.

3. Future Use of Current Fire Station

We have no costs to date on the structural issues that need to be addressed.

Council Member Siech arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Discussion Water Retention/Run-off Options, New Fire Station:

Director of Public Works Nash has been working on this issue. Nash found out that the roof drains on the south side of the new station will drain to 3rd Street. The drainage on the north side could be a problem and needs to be addressed very soon. Nash has contacted Jack Pope, of Garden and Associates, to see if they have any possible solutions and costs. Nash will report the findings at the next council meeting.

Discussion, Upgrade to Police Station/City Hall Addition:

City Manager Boldt said the building that Chief of Police Holub was interested in for a police department has been sold. Holub said he agrees with the City Clerk that the police department should remain within City Hall. Boldt said this leads into the next topic which is an addition to City Hall. The City Administrative staff put together a list of items that would make life a little easier in City Hall if the addition were to be a few more years down the road. Several scenarios were discussed as where to locate offices within City Hall and the current fire station. Council Member Anderson suggested putting a committee together to do some brainstorming and bring suggestions back to the council. The committee consists of Council Members Anderson and Zearley, Mayor Kepford, Chief Holub, Brian Hudson and Lorna Fletcher.

Discussion, Automated Reading System for all Utilities:

Electric Superintendent John Packwood said he had funds budgeted for the initial start-up costs for all three of the utilities. The water and gas departments have no funds budgeted for these costs. Packwood suggested the electric department make the purchase and the funds could be repaid over a few years. The utility department heads will discuss the options and how they can move forward and bring the information to the council.

Discussion, Home Energy Audits:

Packwood stated that John McCalley would be glad to put things on paper to show the council what the company offers. Packwood added that the state mandates that the City offer energy audits for Commercial and Municipal buildings. The residential energy audits are not mandated but recommended. Energy Pioneer Solutions contacted Bob Haug at the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) to see who they might contact in regards to this program. IAMU thinks they have a good program.

City Manager:

New Fire Station

Boldt stated that the new fire station floor has a little issue. They believe it's a surface problem only and not structural per Dale Solum. The mixture for the concrete floor was incorrect and Manatt's is willing to make it right. Boldt said they will know in a couple of weeks if the floor is structurally safe.

Manager Search

Boldt contacted Jamie Letzring and Steve Hoambrecker to see if they were interested in coming for a second interview. Letzring said no thanks and Hoambrecker is interested but wants \$80,000 and three weeks of vacation to start before he would consider traveling to Tipton for the second interview. A suggestion was made to offer a 3.25% increase on December 1, 2012, and 3.25% on July 1, 2013, upon favorable reviews. The council will contact Mayor Kepford or Boldt as to how they wish to proceed.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Spear, second by Zearley. Motion carried by the following roll call vote;

Aye: Fry, Anderson, Spear, Zearley, Siech
Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Finance Officer