

February 20, 2013  
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 Kepford called the meeting to order. Upon roll being called the following named council members were present: Fry, Siech, Anderson, Spear and Zearley. Also present: Nosbisch, Fletcher, Hudson, Penrod, Holub, Wild, Spangler, Johnson, other visitors and the press.

Mayor Kepford led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:**

Motion by Siech, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented.  
Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:**

Bonnie Bryden, Email

The City received an email addressed to Mayor Kepford and City Council Members. Bryden expressed concerns regarding sidewalk snow removal and access to City documents on the website. Councilmember Fry will talk respond to Bryden's questions and concerns.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Zearley, second by Spear to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes from the 02/04/13 council meeting, Clerk's/Investment reports, liquor license renewal for Walmart, Monthly Water Report, January Airport Committee minutes, January Library Board minutes and Library Directors Report. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolutions for Approval:**

Resolution No. 022013A, Resolution Awarding \$1,075,000, General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2013

Motion by Zearley, second Anderson to approve Resolution No. 022013A, a resolution awarding the \$1,075,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2013, to UMB Bank at the interest rate of 1.4005%. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Securing Consultant Services for the Matthews Memorial Airport, Five Year Commitment, Tabled from February 4, 2013 meeting.

Motion by Fry, second Fry to approve the Airport committee's recommendation to move forward with McClure Engineering as the airport's engineering consultant service. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Motions for Approval:**

1. Claims list -

Motion by Spear, second by Anderson to approve the list of claims as presented. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

2. Pay Application No 14, Garling Construction

Motion by Zearley, second by Siech to approve pay application No. 14, to Garling Construction, in the amount of \$2850.00, for the new fire station. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

3. Invoice No. 6496-A, Electrical Power Products

Motion by Anderson, second by Spear to approve payment of invoice No. 6496-A, to Electrical Power Products, in the amount of \$86,649.00 for a relay panel for the substation project. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. Invoice No. 575537, Hamby Young

Motion by Fry, second by Zearley to approve payment of invoice No., 575537, to Hamby Young, in the amount of \$5,217.06, the substation project. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

5. Set Public Hearing Date, Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Motion by Zearley, second by Spear to set a public hearing date of March 11, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

6. Pay Application No. 3, Delong Construction

Motion by Anderson, second by Zearley to approve pay application No. 3, to Delong Construction, in the amount of \$4,662.78, for the retainage being held for the Vitense Property Ditches. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Overview of City of Tipton Proposed Budget, 2013-2014

City Manager Nosbisch discussed some to the changes for the 2013-2014 proposed fiscal year budget.

1. Tax rate \$12.999
2. Water and Sewer rate increases
3. Medical insurance increase of 20%

Nosbisch explained that the water and sewer rate haven't been increased in 10 years. Councilmember Fry suggested implementing a policy to review the utilities annual to avoid the necessity of large increases. Nosbisch agreed. Nosbisch said in order to avoid holding a special council meeting for the proposed budget public hearing he would like to schedule the March meeting on March 11 and March 18, 2013.

**Reports of Mayor/Council/Manager:**

**Mayor's Report**

Cole Cook placed third at the State Wrestling tournament in his weight class.  
Stuart Clark received the Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Newspaper Association.  
Hardacre Theatre Preservation Association held a Valentine's Day Event which was well attended.

**Manager's Report**

The Gas and Electric Departments have started working on the old fire station that will be used for their department's office space and garage area.

Bucket truck rental will go back March 5, 2013. By using the rental truck to do tree removal and line clearance work the City savings was approximately \$12,000.

**Closed Session:** Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1)C, To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters That are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent, Where Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in That Litigation

Motion by Siech, second by Zearley to adjourn from regular session to closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1)C, To Discuss Strategy with Counsel in Matters That are Presently in Litigation or Where Litigation is Imminent, Where Disclosure Would be Likely to Prejudice or Disadvantage the Position of the Governmental Body in That Litigation at 6:30 p.m. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Roll Call to return to regular session:**

The council reconvened to regular session from closed session at 6:59 p.m. The following Councilmember's were present; Spear, Zearley, Siech, Fry, and Anderson.

Motion by Siech, second by Zearley to retain Jeff Stone, Whitfield & Eddy to counsel the City as it related to the issues and possible solutions at the James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the council a motion to adjourn was made by Siech, second by Spear. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk/Finance Officer