

December 21, 2015
Tipton Fire Station
301 Lynn Street
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: Siech, Anderson, Spear and Leeper. Also present: Nosbisch, Lenz, Fletcher, Holub, Nash, Taber, Downs, Klay Johnson, Beck, Coppess, Steffen, Daufeldt, Lisa Kepford, Brian Brennan, Walsh, 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:

1. Bobby Kaufman – Kaufman thanked Shirley and stated she is truly a mentor and he looks up to her as a role model. He presented to Shirley a Certificate of Recognition from the State of Iowa House of Representatives. He also thanked Councilmember Siech and City Manager Nosbisch for their services to the city. He then gave a short legislative update, and spoke about the Tipton Senior Center receiving a new oven and any help towards that would be appreciated.

Betty Emrich – Emrich with the Tipton Senior Center thanked the City for the \$5000.00 donation. And, she congratulated and wished good luck to the new mayor and councilmembers.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Anderson, second by Leeper to approve the consent agenda which includes the December 7, 2015, Council Meeting Minutes, Clerk’s/Investment Report, Liquor License Renewal for Cedar Lanes, November Airport Minutes, November Library Minutes, November Library Director’s Report, and the Police Chief’s Resignation. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Clothing Contract, Tabled, October 5, 2015.
This item remains tabled.

Motions for Approval:

1. Claims list

A-L-L EQUIPMENT	AIR FILTER POWER PLANT	134.30
ALBAUGH PHC INC	TOILET CLOSET KITS FAC	61.68
ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES I	DECEMBER SERVICES	24,904.29
AUS WATERLOO MC LOCKBOX	MATS CITY HALL	207.87
BAUER BUILT TIRE	TIRES FOR GARBAGE TRUCK #30	2,247.12
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	98.90
BUSINESS RADIO SALES AND S	RADIO REPAIR FIRE	1,160.75
CEDAR COUNTY CO-OP	FUEL DISCOUNT	1,044.85
CEDAR COUNTY SOLID WASTE	TRANSFER FEES	2,880.00
CEDAR COUNTY VFW AUXILIARY	3 FLAGS	280.90
CLARENCE LOWDEN SUN-NEWS &	COMM DEV, FAC, YOUTH REC ADS	129.00
CUSTOM BUILDERS INC	SCREEN PROTECTORS	14.95
EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & PWR	UTILITIES CEMETERY	824.95
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	48.58
EMSLRC	HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CARDS	8.00

FAMILY FOODS	MISC SUPPLIES AMB	82.50
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	UNDERGROUND SUPPLIES	776.82
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS PUBLIC WORKS	421.77
GRAYBILL COMMUNICATIONS	REPROGRAM RADIO	167.50
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES	GAS PIPE	867.84
H & H AUTO	TIRE PATCH #118	15.00
HARRY'S CUSTOM TROPHIES	10 PLAQUES	381.15
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PART	DESTROYED TWO HARD DRIVES	50.00
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS I	ENGINE REPAIRS	2,878.82
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	27.90
JOHNSON COUNTY AMBULANCE	ALS SERVICE	200.00
KOCH ELECTRIC	CITY HALL NEW LIGHTS INSTALLED	748.05
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	CHAIN SAW OIL	93.54
LANDS' END BUSINESS OUTFIT	RETURN 1 SHIRT	9.46
LAW ENFORCMENT SYSTEMS	OPERATING SUPPLIES POLICE	287.56
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL SERVICES 11/14-12/11	2,638.50
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLU	4 ELECTRIC METERS	756.03
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	2 PSI GAUGES FIRE	301.20
MISC. VENDOR	THE SEWING ROOM:18 PATCHES PD	401.88
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	WA MAIN RPR SUPP,FIRE HYDRANT	2,465.12
OFFICE EXPRESS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	90.53
PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AMB	4,968.72
PITNEY BOWES INC	TERM RENTAL CHARGES	417.78
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	OXYGEN	192.01
REPUBLIC SERVICES OF IOWA	RECYCLING SORT FEES-OCTOBER	1,425.47
RESCO	FR BIB OVERALLS	195.65
S & W HEALTHCARE CORPORATI	CHART PAPER, ELECTRODES	443.65
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	GRAVE DIGGER BUCKET #20	875.00
T & M CLOTHING CO.	UNIFORM SUPPLIES AMB	1,027.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER	BRAKE ADJUSTER #30	181.30
TIPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	34 HRS USE OF SCHOOL GYM	680.00
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING AD	1,005.02
TIPTON GREENHOUSE	BOWS COMM DEV	110.00
TIPTON PHARMACY	PHARMACEUTICALS	290.54
VERISIGHT INC	CONSULTING SERVICES PAY STUDY	1,418.00
XEROX CORPORATION	BASE & COPY CHARGES	1,186.37
TOTALS		62,123.82
	FUND TOTALS	
001 GENERAL GOVERNMENT		13,339.68
600 WATER OPERATING		14,456.41
610 WASTEWATER/AKA SEWER REVE		12,230.01
630 ELECTRIC OPERATING		5,404.77
640 GAS OPERATING		930.9
670 GARBAGE COLLECTION		4,322.05
750 CEMETERY ENTERPRISE		117.86
810 CENTRAL GARAGE		4,490.17
835 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES		6,831.97
	GRAND TOTAL	62,123.82

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

2. Accept the Finance Officer/City Clerk's Letter of Resignation and Approving Early Retirement Benefits Motion by Siech, second by Leeper to approve Lorna Fletcher, Finance Officer/City Clerk's letter of resignation with early retirement benefits. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

3. Pay Application #2-Illowa Investment Inc.

Motion by Anderson, second by Spear to approve Pay Application #2 to Illowa Investment Inc., in the amount of \$8500.22, for Water Main, Sanitary Sewer and Street Improvements, Division 1: Street Improvements project. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. Web Hosting Local Access Channel-Mediacom

Motion by Siech, second by Anderson to approve Mediacom's web based system with an estimated cost of \$1500.00 for equipment. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

5. Making the Appointment to Fill the Council Person At-Large Vacant Seat

There have been three letters of interest received from Tim Malott, Leanne Boots, and Christina Eicher. They were all in attendance at the council meeting and presented to the Council their reasoning for wanting the At-Large Council position.

Tim Malott – Tim is the EMA Director. He feels with his background and degree that he would be a good councilperson. And, he believes he has experience needed to help the City.

Leanne Boots – Leanne has previous experience with serving on the council from 2011-2014. She enjoyed working with everyone and would like the opportunity to serve again. She is also a MLA graduate. Her heart is here and she is vested.

Christina Eicher – Christina has experience with the citizens of Tipton with previously being the customer service manager at Walmart for seven years, and being on many committees. She has city government experience too, because of her current occupation. She enjoys the community.

Motion by Spear, second by Anderson to approve appointing Leanne Boots. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Siech, Anderson, Spear. Nay: Leeper.

Discussion Items (No action)

1. Budget Parameters

City Manager Nosbisch stated that Tipton is unique in the fact that we have gas and electric utilities. Because of that, we have money in the bank and we do not have to come up with a necessary tax increase like many other cities. Insurance is going to go up, and worker's comp is going to go up. And, there will be other small increases that take place as well, while we move forward. Nosbisch is just wanting to gauge the interest level at this point, to have a starting point for the budget. The most important thing right now is, are you comfortable with a moderate increase, or should we hold the line?

Reports of Mayor/Council/Manager:

Council Report

Councilmember Siech read her letter aloud.

City council,

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone that supported me these past years as I served on the city council. I have enjoyed my time serving this great community and growing as a person. I have enjoyed making new friends and I will miss collaborating with the wonderful people that work and represent Tipton.

It has been a huge privilege and honor to serve on this city council for the past six years. As part of the city council, I believe our city and our council have worked extremely well together all the while keeping the heart of the city and it's people in mind. As a council we didn't always agree and it was in our debating and our differences that we represented our city as the tough decisions were made.

I hope that the good grace and humor with which our current council treats each other can continue – our common passion for the city, putting the city, as a whole before personal opinions and beliefs is what should unite us. The next council faces incredible challenges and juggling these issues will I'm sure be

challenging, exciting and hugely important for Tipton's future. The people that are elected represent ALL the citizens and must listen to all perspectives and not just those few voices that are the loudest. I hope that this new council keeps that in mind when looking into the future.

As a council member I have had the privilege to attend many city events, work on committees, and work with community members that I would never have had the opportunity to meet and work with and these opportunities have always left me with a clear impression: That Tipton is a Wonderful community one in which has good and friendly citizens and a strong reputation. Treasure this and seek to maintain it, few cities our size have anything like the services, reputation or recognition that we do.

We are all fortunate to have an incredible group of city employees working for Tipton, true public employees who work hard with passion, integrity, creativity and talent.

I'm extraordinarily grateful for the privilege you have bestowed on me in being on the city council these past six years. I have done my best to serve this city and the council in all that I have done. Any achievements and progress we have made for our collective endeavor has only been possible due to the current council, mayor, city staff and the support of our citizens.

Thank you once again. Good luck for the future. In me you will have a lifelong champion for the great city of Tipton.

Manager's Report

The City of Tipton has received their draft permit for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System on the east lagoon. Staff had recently completed the west lagoon comment period and have been working towards a finalized permit and compliance schedule.

The new City Code has been uploaded to the website. I caution everyone that the Code is updated annually so they should always check with City Hall to assure they have all of the updates.

The City offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, December 23, for those residents that have normal pickup on Friday.

There are two individuals interested in the City Manager interim position and we may be able to consider one of them at the next council meeting.

As an update, one search firm has sent information back, and I plan to hear from the other one after the Christmas break. It is my hope to have information available to the Council at the next meeting.

Thanked Dawn and David for their years of service.

Thanked Shirley for her 32 years of service. Stated that she has never missed a meeting in her whole career being on the Council, and as being the first woman Mayor. She has unbelievable dedication.

Nosbisch stated he has worked in public government for over 15 years and Tipton is, by far, the best council he has ever worked with.

Mayor's Report:

It has been a pleasure serving and working with everybody, and we have always continued to move forward.

Mayor Kepford read her letter aloud.

I want to thank everyone for all the support you have shown throughout my 32 years. I want to thank my family and friends for being there for me.

It has been great. I am leaving with a good feeling for myself that I have given it my all. I have always tried to do what was best for the whole community.

I came to Tipton 48 years ago and to sit up here for 32 years has been an awesome experience in my life.

I have served with three mayors and been with six city managers. All were working with the same goal, to better Tipton. Each mayor brought their own vision. The late Mayor, Don Young, wanted 24 hour police protection, and we have that.

We have a great ambulance and fire department, a beautiful downtown, a lovely park and beautiful churches. We have a school that is top notch. All things that people look for when deciding to make their home here.

Each councilperson brings their own unique personality and vision. I have served with the best, and proud of all the growth we have accomplished.

You don't know how fortunate it is to have managers, department heads, staff and employees who are on call 24/7 to do their jobs. During the ice storm and last year's wind damage, they were working to get power on, get trees picked up and helping families in need. We are fortunate to have employees that care and work to better Tipton.

As a community who cares you have to come together and don't let a few take our town down. Show your support and appreciation to the new Mayor and Council. Say no to the negative people.

In conclusion, I have served for 24 years on the Council and in 2008, I became the first female Mayor of Tipton. Within months I found out that RAGBRAI was coming as an overnight. I am ending my Mayorship with the big 175th Celebration. Both were a huge success. To be a part of all that and everything in between has been a great and rewarding experience that I never would have imagined. I have been so proud to have served as a Councilperson and your Mayor.

Respectfully,

Mayor

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 6:37 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Deputy City Clerk

REVENUE RECEIVED

November, 2015

Property Taxes	85,372.61
Local Option Sales Service Tax	16,790.69
Licenses & Permits	1,025.00
Use of Money and Property	29,621.20
Intergovernmental	35,282.21
Charge for Services	574,549.47
Special Assessment	1,606.00
Miscellaneous	88,244.40
Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00
TOTAL	\$832,491.58