

August 3, 2015
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 Holub. Also present: Nosbisch, Fletcher, Nash, Taber, Wild, Holub, Penrod, Spangler, other visitors and the press.

Mayor Kepford led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

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

Communications:

Larry Hodgden, stated he missed where the Chief of Police was allowed to move 20 air miles away and when the \$275.00 stipend was approved. Hodgden said he couldn't find it in the minutes.

Deb Schwitzer, asked if eminent domain was a possibility or what the council was going to do.

Charlene Thumm, is disappointed in the City and the County for allowing the emergency personnel to live outside the City limits. Thumm added that the agenda isn't very descriptive and citizens don't know what the items are.

Barbara Bryden, stated that Mayor Kepford was quoted in the Quad Cities Times twice in August, 2010, that Chief Holub would be moving to Tipton within a year. Bryden asked the Mayor if that is what she said.

Adam Spangler, Recreation Director/James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center Supervisor, explained that he is having a difficult time with lifeguard staffing. The school activities are beginning sooner and will not have enough staff to cover the days next week. Spangler said he has and is continuing to call surrounding communities for any guards that may be able to work. The directors he spoke with are having the same issue. Spangler is recommending the outdoor pool close August 23, 2015.

Floyd Taber, Electric Superintendent, addressed the letter to the editor regarding the RICE NESHAP testing. Taber explained that this is EPA required and has to be done every three years.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Anderson, second by Holub to approve the consent agenda which include the July 20, 2015, council minutes and the liquor license renewal for the Mi Tierra Restaurant. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Amendment, Chapter 166.02, Rezone the North 42 Feet of Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, Lot 7, and the South ½ of Lot 8, in Block 6, Northwestern Improvement Company's Addition, City of Tipton from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-2 Two and Multiple Family Residential District

Mayor Kepford opened the public hearing for the an amendment to Chapter 166.02, to rezone the North 42 feet of Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, Lot 7, and the South ½ of Lot 8, in Block 6, Northwestern Improvement Company's Addition, in the City of Tipton from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-2 Two and Multiple Family Residential District, at 5:45 p.m. Deb Schwitzer lives at 1118 Lynn Street, across the street from these lots, and doesn't want any more house built there. Mayor Kepford closed the public hearing at 5:49 p.m.

Ordinance Approval/Amendment

Ordinance No. 553, Amending Chapter 166.02, Rezone the North 42 Feet of Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, Lot 7, and the South 1/2 of Lot 8, in Block 6, Northwestern Improvement Company’s Addition, City of Tipton from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-2 Two and Multiple Family Residential District

Motion by Siech, second by Fry to adopt Ordinance No. 553, Amending Chapter 166.02, to rezone the North 42 Feet of Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, Lot 7, and the South 1/2 of Lot 8, in Block 6, Northwestern Improvement Company’s Addition, in the City of Tipton from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-2 Two and Multiple Family Residential District. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions for Approval:

Resolution 080315A, Approving Bond for Mobilization, Construction of Water Main, Sanitary Sewer, Street Improvements, Division 1: Street Improvements

Motion by Spear, second by Anderson to remove from the table. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Holub, second by Spear to approve Resolution 080315A, approving the bond for mobilization and construction of the water main, sanitary sewer and street improvements, Division 1: Street Improvements, from Illowa, with a bid amount of \$180,062.96. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 080315B, Approving Bond for Mobilization, Construction of Water Main, Sanitary Sewer, Street Improvements, Division 2: Water Main and Sanitary Sewer

Motion by Siech, second by Fry to remove from the table. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Anderson, second by Spear to approve Resolution 080315B, approving the bond for mobilization and construction of the water main, sanitary sewer and street improvements, Division 2: Water Main and Sanitary Sewer, from Triple B Construction Corporation, with a bid amount of \$105,559.00. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Motion for Approval:

1. Claims List

AIR FILTER SALES & SERVICE	26 FILTERS	520.98
ALTORFER INC	2 LIGHT TOWERS FOR HAIRBALL	1,109.00
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIAT	APA & AICP MEMBERSHIPS	484.00
AUS WATERLOO MC LOCKBOX	MATS FOR CITY HALL	170.32
BARRON MOTOR SUPPLY	AIR DOOR ACTUATOR #56	158.47
BUSINESS RADIO SALES AND S	10 BATTERIES	467.00
CASCADE ENGINEERING	108 GARBAGE & RECYCLING BINS	5,995.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SHOP SUPPLIES	89.30
CUSTOM BUILDERS INC	UPS CHARGES	32.48
CY’S TREE SERVICE	REMOVAL OF DEAD TREE	3,600.00
DARNELL CONSTRUCTION	REPAIR POWER PLANT ROOF	4,600.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & E	CITY HALL PROJECT SUPPLIES	1,352.80
FARNER-BOCKEN COMPANY	CONCESSIONS	1,198.28
FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	4 ELECTRIC METERS	856.00
FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS	1 DOG	75.00
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS PUBLIC WORKS	370.75
GARDEN & ASSOCIATES INC	STREET IMPROVEMENTS 2015	2,319.50
GRAINGER	SUPPLIES FOR FAC	34.15
HDS WHITE CAP CONST SUPPLY	SAFETY FENCE & CAUTION TAPE	234.92
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PART	TECH SERVICES FOR ELECT DEPT	1,998.67
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	51.30

KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY IN	OPERATING SUPPLIES	534.00
KINUM INC	COLLECTION EXPENSE	41.00
KOCH ELECTRIC	OUTLETS IN RADIO ROOM	634.30
KUNDE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	OPERATING SUPPLIES	51.36
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL SERVICES	1,509.50
MAJOR GEOTHERMAL INC	GEO CONSULTING	562.50
MANATTS INC	9 YDS CONCRETE MISC PATCHING	1,048.80
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANINES	CORES, BRACKET #30	214.17
MISC. VENDOR	HUNEY-VAUGHN:COURT REPORTER	5,360.18
MOELLER TIPTON TIRE & AUT	TIRE REPAIR FIRE	50.84
MOORE FIREARMS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,514.94
O'ROURKE MOTORS INC	VALVE ASSEMBLY #67	1,954.98
PEPSI-COLA	DRINK ORDER	503.08
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	OXYGEN	50.72
RK DIXON CO	COPY CHARGES	16.66
SCHIMBERG CO	SUPPLIES FOR SERVICE LINES	671.94
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER CO	CITY HALL PROJECT SUPPLIES	4,352.67
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	POOL TESTING FEES	50.00
STECKER-HARMSEN INC	PREPARE COST REPORT FOR FAC	3,800.00
SUMMIT COMPANIES	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHER	26.55
SUN INDUSTRIES INC	INSECT REPELLENT TOWELLETES	115.38
SWANK MOTION PICTURES INC	DVD FOR MOVIE IN THE PARK	777.00
SWICK CABLE CONTRACTOR'S I	FIBER PROJECT PER QUOTE	30,846.20
TERRY DURIN COMPANY	BULBS & PHOTO CONTROLS	1,260.00
THOMPSON TRUCK & TRAILER	BRAKE CHAMBER #30	71.00
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS	LED WORKLIGHT	49.00
UTILITY SALES & SERVICE IN	SUPPLIES FOR SERVICE LINES	915.40
WALMART COMMUNITY	MISC SUPPLIES ELECTRIC	125.84
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	9.70 TN ROAD STONE	97.49
WHITFIELD & EDDY PLC	FAC CONSTRUCTION CLAIM	44,195.78
XEROX CORPORATION	COPY CHARGES	293.49
ZEE MEDICAL INC	EYEWASH STATION & SUPPLIES	666.61
ZEP SALES & SERVICE	SHOP SUPPLIES	324.26
TOTALS		128,403.56
	FUND TOTALS	
001 GENERAL GOVERNMENT		14,397.52
300 GO ST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT		2,319.50
315 JKFAC CP		53,185.96
600 WATER OPERATING		23.59
630 ELECTRIC OPERATING		38,906.14
640 GAS OPERATING		1,773.58
670 GARBAGE COLLECTION		6,003.29
810 CENTRAL GARAGE		2,968.63
835 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES		8,825.35
	GRAND TOTAL	128,403.56

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

2. Ballot Question, Local Sales Service Tax

Motion by Spear, second by Fry to approve the Local Option Sales Tax referendum question ballot language as it currently is with the removal of the 10 year sunset date. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

3. Set Public Hearing Date, Amendment to Sections 110.07, 110.08, 110.09, 110.10, Municipal Code

Motion by Holub, second by Anderson to set a public hearing date for August 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., to

amended Sections 110.07, 110.08, 110.09, 110.10, of the Municipal Code, changing the language from billing in therms to billing in CCF (100 cubic feet). Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. Backup Locator

Motion by Spear, second by Holub to approve the purchase of a backup locator from Border States, in the amount of \$1,795.46. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

5. Engine Equipment, Generation Engines

Motion by Anderson, second by Siech to approve purchasing spare parts, such as gaskets and oil filters for the engines in the old power plant, with a not to exceed cost of \$5,000.00. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

6. Oil Purchase, Fairbanks Morse OP Oil Change

Motion by Holub, second by Fry to approve the purchase of eight to nine barrels of the oil necessary to perform the oil change for the Fairbanks Morse OP engine, with a per cost barrel of \$715.00, total estimated cost between \$5,750.00 and \$6,435.00. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

7. Feasibility Study, Placement of Engines No.5, 6, MTU Units, MISO Footprint

No action. Staff is in communication with RPGI (Resale Power Group of Iowa) researching the City's options.

8. Annual Street Closure Request, Block Party

Motion by Fry, second by Spear to approve the street closure for East 4th Street from Plum to East Street, on September 20, 2015, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., for the annul block party. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

9. Knights of Columbus, Third Annual "No One Fights Alone" Benefit 5K Run/Walk

Motion by Holub, second by Spear to approve the designated route for the KC's "No One Fights Alone" Benefit 5K Run/Walk, on Saturday, August 8, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Reports, Received/File:

Electric Superintendent Report from June 15, 2015, to August 3, 2015.

Discussion Items:

1. Wholesale Power Discussion

The question is whether to continue on with RPGI or another wholesale provider as a cost savings measure. The savings would be passed along to the utility customers. City Manager Nobsisch would like two councilmembers to sit in on the discussions.

2. Economic Development Priorities

The Tipton Development Commission would like two or three priorities from the City Council for the new Economic Development Director. The Commission would like to take a more active role with the new director.

Charlene Thumm stated that the office is not very professional looking for a prospective business to visit. Thumm also commented on the building across the street that has the boarded up windows. Nobsisch discussed an ordinance that he has reviewed that could address this type of situation.

3. Legislative Changes

Iowa Codification sends out legislative changes annually that they will add to the City Code for a fee. Nosbisch would like to add HF558, Disorderly Conduct – Funeral or Memorial Service to the City Code. The fee would be \$150.00

Reports of Mayor/Council/Committee/Manager:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kepford officially announced she is seeking a third term as Mayor of the City of Tipton.

Manager's Report

Work will begin on various capital projects in August. We ask that the citizens please be patient during the construction process as there will be street closings during the construction.

We would like the City Attorney to draft a policy regarding open records request to ensure that everyone is treated in the same manor.

Ridiculous Days will be this week, August 7th and 8th.

Verisight representatives will be at the August 17th, council meeting to present the wage and benefit report. They are currently working on the job descriptions and plan to have a number of them completed for presentation at the meeting.

For any citizen interested in running for a council seat or mayor they can pick up the necessary forms at the Cedar County Auditor's office or at City Hall.

There will be a discussion regarding the Alliance Water Resources contract renewal at the August 17, 2015 meeting.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the council a motion to adjourn was made by Siech, second by Anderson. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____

City Clerk/Finance Officer