

April 27, 2016
Tipton Fire Station
301 Lynn Street
Tipton, Iowa

The City Council of the City of Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, met in special session at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Carney called the meeting to order. Upon roll being called the following named council members were present: Boots, Spear, Leeper, Anderson and McNeill. Also present: Long, Lenz, Fletcher, Daufeldt, Kepford, Taber, other visitors and the press.

Agenda:

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

Strategic Planning Session, Discussion of Community Growth Potential

1. Mayor Carney would like to have an internet feasibility study done in the downtown area. Council member Boots would like to see another company in Tipton for some competition. Mayor Carney stated that an ad based wi-fi would offset many maintenance cost.
2. Mayor Carney would like to do some research on setting up a zoning marijuana ordinance. Tipton would be a good place for it because of its proximity. If the City did adopt such an ordinance we would need to revisit it, if it became federally legal.
3. Council member Leeper suggested that two council members attend the meeting in Cascade on June 16, 2016.
4. Mayor Carney suggested setting up a tour with a chartered bus and travel to other towns nearby and share ideas and learn new ideas from other city officials.
5. Council member Anderson stated that too much salt during the winter is damaging the new brick sidewalks. Council Member Boots suggest that the City place information on the website regarding snow removal.
6. Council member Leeper suggested annexing land into the city to increase tax revenue, and it would not increase taxes. He stated he has talked to two land owners and they are excited about the possibility of annexation. The City would be responsible for building streets and running services to anyone annexed in.
7. Council member McNeill suggested looking into building a Community Center on West 6th Street, across from New Horizon FS.
8. Council member Spear suggested doing a cost savings study to help reduce the budget.
9. Finance Director, Fletcher, stated that with the new development south of town, there is not a sidewalk. Someone fell the other day. The City needs to look at putting one in and figure out how to fund it, by possibly getting a grant.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Interim City Clerk