

January 23, 2020
Tipton Library
206 Cedar Street
Tipton, Iowa

The City Council of the City of Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, met in special session for the Goal Setting Session at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Carney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following named council members were present: Anderson, Paustian, Cummins, McNeill and Hembry. Also present: Wagner, Armstrong, Nash, Kepford, Taber, Penrod, Spangler, Smith, Ratliff and the press.

Introductions and Opening Comments/General Overview of the Meeting and the Strategic Planning Report – Pat Callahan with Callahan Municipal Consultants

Callahan gave a brief background description of his career. Callahan reviewed the ground rules for the meeting and gave a general overview of the meeting and the strategic planning report.

Brief Review of City Accomplishments – Past Two Years

Callahan reviewed the list of accomplishments on the lists from the Mayor and Council, and the department heads.

Brief Review of Issues, Concerns and Trends

Callahan reviewed the list of issues and concerns on the lists from the Mayor and Council, and the department heads.

Review and Ranking of Programs, Policies and Initiatives

After voting, the following significant programs, initiatives and policies were the priorities chosen by the Mayor and Council:

1st Tier:

1. Discuss possible areas for residential growth around Tipton
2. Green space development plan
- 3a. Hire one new apprentice to attend the Electric Line School
- 3b. Hire a journey line mechanic
- 3c. Develop a ten-year plan to have entire electric system be underground
- 3d. Plan for updating of old generation plant control panels and generators rewound for 12.5 KV system
- 3e. Support legislation to expand the City's electric territory
- 4a. Reconsider the City's zoning ordinance
- 4b. Reconsider the need for building codes
5. Internal City Hall repairs – including updating the front office to become more secure and finish repairs that are in the public eye.

2nd Tier:

1. Partner with another agency for a community center – Feasibility Study
2. Review of Electrical Utility revenue streams, equipment, storage needs, and staffing
3. Annexation to allow for City growth
4. Consider re-instatement of the Meter Radio Read Program

Review and Ranking of Capital Projects and Equipment Purchases

After voting, the following significant capital projects and equipment purchases were the priorities chosen by the Mayor and Council:

1st Tier:

1. Street improvement projects
2. Installing fiber optic cable through the town
3. Replace the C.P. Generator
4. Upkeep of the library building – ongoing project
5. Fully enclosed garage for police vehicles - \$15,000+
6. Solar project and battery storage City owned

2nd Tier:

1. Sewer machine and trailer for jetting and cleaning sewer lines - \$50,000 - \$75,000
2. Industrial park electric line feeder project

Review/Evaluate Teamwork Objectives

Callahan reviewed the list of teamwork responses from the Mayor and Council, and the department heads.

Final Report

Callahan will put together a final report and get it sent to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Carney thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the council a motion to adjourn was made by McNeill, second by Cummins. Following the roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor_____

Attest:

Finance Director