

City of Tipton, Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on October 10, 2016 at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilman Curnutt and Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Ron Weeks, Mike Terry, Diana Tomlinson, Cassidy Clifford, Aubree Frix and Kenton Boes.

Mayor Havens opened the October 10, 2016 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 B.O.W. minutes, seconded by Councilman Morgan, with all in favor.

Old Business: The hiring of Police Officer will be handled at a future point.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Weeks went over his handout. He also reported he is getting a better handle regarding the reports printed off of Pontem compared to the Excel spreadsheet. Manager Weeks reported he sent the data to Pontem for Old Fairview to get the cost on it. He advised the mapping, Pontem will have to do. Manager Weeks reported he is looking into ground penetrating radar to see if the graves are occupied that we received from the County. The cheapest is \$250 per hour and it will take around 8 hours to go through the graves. He also reported he would like to purchase a cab for the Kabota, it will cost \$1,110. Councilman Morgan asked if the ground penetrating radar is in the budget. Manager Weeks reported it was not a budgeted item but there is money in different places but he needs to go through it with Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Mayor Havens reported you and Clerk-Treasurer Clark need to identify the funding and then bring it back. He also reported there have been several cuts in the budgets and gas being one of them.

Park: Park Manager Tomlinson went through here handout and advised there have been 33 trees marked for the possible grant application. She also reported she has received an estimate from Ben's Stump Removal. Manager Tomlinson reported the exit at the Park is ready for E&B Paving and should start it the middle of the week. She also reported a new cement slab will be poured at the dumpster site by E&B Paving within the month. Manager Tomlinson reported they will be graveling at the Park and ball diamonds. She also reported there have been curbs placed in the south parking lot. Manager Tomlinson reported one of her part-timers resigned so she will be looking for someone to replace her. Mayor Havens asked what the last report is on the funding from Tree Committee. Manager Tomlinson reported we have depleted the Parks funding from Tree City, Golf Grounds has about \$2,000 left, the City has \$3,000 left and the Cemetery hasn't spent any money in Tree City yet. Mayor Havens asked Councilman Morgan if the Tree Committee is prioritizing those funds. He asked about the stump removal estimate. Manager Tomlinson reported \$3700 for 33 trees on stump removal, but not all are Ash trees. She also reported the Street Dept. can help assist on the small trees. Mayor Havens asked if

the leaves are falling yet. Manager Tomlinson reported no not yet. She also reported we are losing part-time because of the wage issue. Mayor Havens reported we are using more people with higher skill sets in part-time positions. The salary ordinance is coming up and we need to know any of these issues. Councilman Morgan asked about the Urban Forestry Grant. It was reported we haven't heard anything from Keeser. Mayor Havens reported he approved \$2,000 for Keeser to do the grant application. He also requested Public Works Manager Terry to follow up with Keeser to see where we are with the grant application. Manager Terry reported he would send him an email.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported the annual leaf pickup would begin October 17<sup>th</sup>. He also reported the Sanitation and Recycling curbside is going well. Manager Terry reported he is looking at additional pickup opportunities. He also reported he would be sending post cards to local businesses to see if there is any interest. Manager Terry reported the recycling for September is 15.39 tons which has doubled but the trash tonnage hasn't gone down yet. Councilman Curnutt asked do we give credit to the recycling totes for the increase. Manager Terry reported that is what he is thinking but it is a little early. He also reported he was contacted by Kathy Powell, 123 Columbia Ave. asking for the City's assistance in removing a large Oak tree that is growing along the edge of her yard and the alley. Manager Terry reported the tree sticks out 2 feet out in the alley and traffic is diverting into another neighbor's yard. He also reported Mrs. Powell has a contract with Brown's Trees and More for \$4,200 and is requesting for the City to pay half of this. Manager Terry reported she wants to know if it is our responsibility because of it being in the alley. He also reported it could be a safety concern along with the Utilities and other residents. Councilman Curnutt reported it's a 150 year old tree. Mayor Havens asked Terry what's his logic for the Board to assist with the funding. Manager Terry reported the only logic he has right now is the safety. Councilman Morgan asked about the right of way. Manager Terry reported not sure but that is a good question. There was discussion if it was planted in the right of way or near we take half the responsibility. Mayor Havens asked if the Tree Committee has looked at it. Councilman Morgan reported there has been some discussion. He also reported the \$4,200 doesn't include stump removal. Manager Terry stated correct and it would cost probably \$1,000 for the stump removal. Mayor Havens commented we pay half of the tree removal and half of the stump removal only if the stump is removed and the right of way has been addressed. We don't want a precedence to take down a private tree. Mayor Havens asked Public Works Manager if we received the report on the Pool. Manager Terry reported he hadn't heard but Park Board member, Steven Thompson, was checking this week about the written report. Mayor Havens reported there was a fee for the written report so we want to make sure the work is done before we pay the claim. Manager Terry reported the company was here about two weeks ago looking at the diving board area.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Morgan called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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