

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on March 25, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Councilmen Ehman, Richards, and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilmen Vautaw and Kring were not present.

Others: Matt Quigley, Randy Saltzman, David Lacy, Davin Nichols, Dalton Money, Stacy Nichols, Tanner Nichols, Colin Nichols, Bill Tipton, Benny Frazier, Mike Bollman, Chief Jeff Stout, Elsie Smith, Debbie Bowlby, David Maddox, Rob Cochran II, Rob Cochran III, Joe VanBibber, and Brandon Leisure.

Mayor Schmicker opened the March 25, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Schmicker stated we lost connection to the webcam, there will be no live stream.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Ehman reported on the March 25, 2024, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman stated the GAC met, they are mowing, and we met the new Golf Superintendent, Philip Beaver, everything is going well.

DSW: Councilman Richards stated they had a short meeting.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk: Councilman Rippy commented the Sidewalk Program is going well, we have 20 applicants. He also commented that the potential east pool parking lot is on hold, we were going to do it along with the trail project. Councilman Rippy stated the downtown parking is being looked at for a few more spots, hoping to get a few spots once the intersections are restriped. He also stated they are looking at getting yard waste containers.

Planning Commission: Mayor Schmicker stated the meeting was canceled.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented the March 18, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. The meeting was held at the Water Plant and Superintendent Heard gave a tour of the facility and explained the water system operation from the wells and where the wells were located. He also commented the Board toured the old church on North/East Street and agreed to demolish the structure as soon as we can.

Pork Festival: Councilman Richards reported the Committee met on March 11<sup>th</sup> and they need volunteers to help out, especially in the art gallery.

Public Hearing on DeLong II Super-Voluntary Annexation (Ordinance 2024-02): Councilman Rippy made a motion to open the public hearing on the DeLong II Super-Voluntary Annexation Ordinance 2024-02, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Mayor Schmicker stated the public hearing is now open at 5:37 p.m. Mayor Schmicker asked if there were any comments for or against the DeLong II Super-Voluntary Annexation. After a minute of silence, there were no comments from the public or the Council. Councilman Ehman made a motion to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

New Business:

Police Officer Recognition: Chief Stout stated we have several officers here including ones not receiving awards. We had a couple of incidents where our officers were there to assist. Captain Nichols, Officer Money, and soon-to-be new hire Jackson Tunnell were eating at the Mexican restaurant and a 10-year-old boy was choking. Captain Nichols did the abdominal thrust which freed the object that was stuck. The boy turned to Captain Nichols and hugged him. Chief Stout presented the Life Saving Award to Captain Nichols for saving human life and read the wording on the award. In the second incident Chief Seagrave, from Tipton Hospital, stated that there was an emergency in front of the Hospital emergency department where a passenger in a vehicle was unresponsive. Sargeant Saltzman was in the emergency room for personal reasons, so he went out to help along with Sargeant Leisure and Officer Tipton who responded to the call. They started CPR and for 25 minutes tried to save the person's life. Chief Stout presented the Commendation Award to Sgt. Saltzman, Sgt. Leisure and Officer Tipton and read the wording on the award. Chief Stout thanked the Council for allowing him to present these awards to the Officers. Mayor Schmicker stated we appreciate your service to the community.

Handbook Amendment – Police Vacation Benefits: Mayor Schmicker stated we have updated the Civilian, Fire, and now the Police Vacation benefits. The language is mirrored but might have differences in vacation days from the other two vacation policies. Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the Police Vacation Benefits policy, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-04 – A Resolution Adopting Fiscal Plan for DeLong II Super-Voluntary Annexation. Mayor Schmicker stated after we adopt the fiscal plan, then at the next meeting we will have Ordinance 2024-02 DeLong II Super-Voluntary Annexation on the Agenda for adoption on the second and final reading. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Resolution 2024-05 – A Resolution Transferring From The MVH Restricted Fund To The Local Road And Bridge Matching Grant Fund: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark explained this Resolution is transferring \$94,910.56 from MVH Restricted to the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund for the Community Crossing Grant.

Ordinance 2024-03 – An Ordinance To Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana – Street Department alleys (1<sup>st</sup> Reading): Mayor Schmicker stated the alleys are at the Street Dept. the alley going North and South from Erie to the middle of the alley, the second alley is going East and West from Green Street to the middle of the alley which is currently is in the fenced in area. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 175732-176014 for \$571,484.71, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

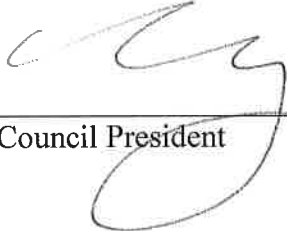
Petition, Comments, and Memorials:

Mr. Rob Cochrane II, Market Road, Tipton, School Board Member advised the Council he would be sending an email to them regarding the renovation of the Inferno. We are requesting donations from the City for this project. He then thanked the Council for their support of the School Corporation.

Adjournment: Councilman Rippy called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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Council President