

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on October 25, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilmen Kring and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Sam Mohler, Joe Bitner, Ken Ehman, Sherry Landseadel, Sharon Teuscher, Judy Coker, Steve Niblick, and Jeff Stout.

Mayor Dolezal opened the October 25, 2021, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Sam Mohler (523 E. Washington) Planting shrubs down Washington Street (West of the house to alley) off sidewalk: Mr. Mohler handed out a picture of the property. Mayor Dolezal stated you got a fence permit, but your plans changed. Mr. Mohler when proposed the original there was a house we tore down to the west and we wanted to keep as much of the yard. He stated he wanted to plant shrubs six feet from the sidewalk but would still be in the right of way. Building Commissioner Niblick stated what he advised Mr. Mohler and explained the right of way and having a clear view for safety reasons and maintenance. Mr. Mohler was advised if it is approved that he can plant at 6 feet off the sidewalk he would bear the cost if they would have to be moved. After a brief discussion, Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the planting of the shrubs six feet off the sidewalk, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated there would be a public information hearing this afternoon on stop signs and no parking. We are hoping for valuable feedback and suggestions.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on September monthly report. Mayor Dolezal complimented Firefighter Johnson on the CPR classes. Chief Bitner stated he is a great instructor. There was a brief discussion regarding a mutual aid call they helped with in Sharpville, it was a total loss. Chief Bitner asked about the living restrictions for the Fire Dept. he asked about a 20-mile radius from the Fire Dept. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the living restrictions and widening the area because of an accommodation requirement. Chief Bitner also stated some applicants have asked about a lateral process. Instead of a bonus, we could ask for a tiered mark with salary and longevity, year for year. So, if someone with five years of experience and moved over then the years of service with PERF would follow the longevity and tiered salary level of ours. This would be an incentive to apply if the longevity transferred. There was a lengthy discussion regarding years of service and having FF1 and FF2 certifications. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated this is not budgeted for 2022. Councilman Kring stated he

would prefer the longevity transfer to the out-of-county resident. Councilman Kring made a motion to recommend to the Council Chief Bitner's proposal on readvertising with transferring the longevity years to our metric including the longevity and tiered salary, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Chief Bitner stated since we are in the hiring process, he would like to be on the agenda for next month for interviews so they could send the new hire to Public Safety Medical in December. He also asked to set an executive session for that same day at 9:30 a.m. The executive session was set for November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Chief Bitner commented the salesperson called about the new chassis and want to have an inspection trip later in November or December. He also commented Chief Stout and himself have been trying to contact contractors regarding the concrete, roof over bays, entryway and no one will quote it. Councilman Kring suggested contacting a general contractor for everything. Chief Stout advised the concrete alone is \$300k for all the concrete. Councilman Kring asked if we need to replace every stitch of concrete. Both Chiefs stated there are a lot of cracks and chunks missing. Mayor Dolezal asked for a list of folks with a quick update on whether they responded or not. Chief Bitner stated he has a part-timer after tomorrow on Thursday won't be able to work because of the Affordable Care Act hour restriction. He advised an attorney stated if you made the part-time a special classification by itself. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated that would be hard to do because we have other part-timers in the same position in other departments. There was a brief discussion regarding part-timers and the number we have in the pool at the Fire Dept. along with working in vacation days for full-time firefighters. If they can't get a part-time to work for them then they go to a full-time person to work.

Police: Chief Stout handed out a September report. He also stated the two new hires we offered conditional offer employment should be ready to go when we get the results back. Chief Stout stated all five cars are on the road and they look amazing. He also stated Captain Nichols applied for Operation Pull Over grant and we were awarded the grant for \$16k. The grant is for seatbelt and enforcement of DUI, field sobriety testing. The officers would be paid time and a half and we would get reimbursed every quarter. Chief Stout commented Brian Della Rosa's Apache (K9) passed away a week ago with health problems. He was part of the family. We will get a plaque and picture. He also commented Officer Brandon Leisure has completed the new Defensive Driving Training EVOC School, he will be taking over my position with that training. Chief Stout reported the next hiring process will start November 1<sup>st</sup> so we can be ready for the first of the year. The new hires will have a 17-week FTO phase, they have two years to get to the academy which is 15 weeks.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher asked if there were any rules on Halloween Trick or Treating with the pandemic? Did they change any rules? Mayor Dolezal stated it is two nights from 5-8 p.m. October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Teuscher asked nothing else? Mayor Dolezal stated correct.

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

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Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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