

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on December 13, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Dick Klein, John Ellis, Mike Bollman, Mark Baird, Kegan Schmicker, Roberta Heinzmann, Tom Frye, Megan Phifer, Brad Nichols, Bob Edinger, and Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune.

Mayor Dolezal opened the December 13, 2021, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the November 22, 2021, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Councilwoman Hufford opposing.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the December 13, 2021, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Mayor Dolezal reported information was given in the BOW.

Park Board: Mayor Dolezal reported information was given in the BOW.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported December 6, 2021, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reviewed some items discussed at the meeting.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Tipton County Marketing & Branding – Kegan Schmicker: Mr. Schmicker with Tipton County Chamber of Commerce stated at the last meeting he presented the Economic Development Program on Branding Tipton County and City of Tipton and other areas such as Sharpsville, Kempton, and Windfall. He asked if there were any questions and if the City is considering contributing to the project? Councilman Ehman stated the Committee is formed from the Foundation, and ask who would make the decisions going forward? Mr. Schmicker stated the Committee would. Representation from County and City would be needed if looking at County and City approval. A presentation with a guide from the Committee on what to focus on. There would be two to three opportunities to get feedback. We could give a presentation to the group; it would be like a sub-committee. Councilman Kring stated if we fund it, we can only pay in arrears and asked if the Chamber would file a claim. Schmicker stated the contractor would need 50% down. Kring stated the Chamber would pay first and then submit a claim to County and City. It was commented that this is a well-put-together plan and good can come from

it from an economic standpoint. Councilman Ehman stated he was an advocate of branding; we just need to figure the support and how it will be funded. Councilman Kring asked when do you need an answer? Schmicker stated hopefully in 2022, that is flexible. Councilman Kring asked about the contact information for the firm so he could ask them questions. Schmicker advised he could get him the email. The question was asked that if the City, County, Sharpsville, Windfall, and Kempton contributed and there were shortfalls, what then? Schmicker stated he couldn't commit financial position but will look for what we are short. We don't want to engage the business community when this is a municipal and county economic position. Councilman Rippey thanked Schmicker for his hard work. We need to improve growth in the City, businesses, hospitals, and schools. Mayor Dolezal commented he appreciated the details, but he needs some more information and the mechanics. He asked if we could sit down with the County side, the three of us, and discuss the details. Schmicker stated any further information he can provide to help with a decision. Councilwoman Hufford thanked Schmicker as well.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated we had more discussion with Berry Com on what is coming down the road with fiber grants and wiring the entire county. He also commented he met with the new owners of Dezerland, Skip, and Heather Gibbs, if you noticed they have done a lot as far as cutting down the brush. We also looked at what might be possible as far as sponsoring grants to tear down vacant buildings on the property that they will not utilize. Mayor Dolezal also shared that IMPA's Economic Development team was kind enough to share as far as the discussion of offering assistance with businesses that are interested in the community. They are a good source of data and information from a geographic perspective.

#### Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2021-19 – A Resolution For An Additional Appropriation In The General Fund – Fire Budget: Mayor Dolezal stated there was a public hearing before this meeting for the additional appropriation in the General Fund – Fire Budget, this will cover the expenses for Fire. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-19, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Resolution 2021-20 – A Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council Authorizing Participation In The Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: Councilwoman Hufford asked who is Sourcewell? Mayor Dolezal reported a company out of Minnesota, on an annual basis placed out for bid a multitude of equipment items and vehicles. Councilwoman Hufford asked if we already have a purchase agreement lined up with them and can we review that? Mayor Dolezal stated this would just be for us to use them as a pricing source. He also stated we would meet the steps for bidding projects and equipment. We would use them for the new trash truck. Councilwoman Hufford asked if this company is new for us? Mayor Dolezal stated it is a new agent through which we would purchase. Hufford asked who we used in the past. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated we would bid it out. Mayor Dolezal stated we would have done the process ourselves.

Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-20, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 169957-170147 for \$3,884,427.72, seconded by Councilman Kring. Councilwoman Hufford asked about two different claims for Brad Robins and Bradley Robins, she stated he works for the Police, and she understands that one but the other one she didn't understand the consulting services, what does he do. Mayor Dolezal stated he does media work for him, through articles, or posting on City or Mayor's website, the rate is at \$100/month. Councilwoman Hufford stated he is on there twice and just wondering. This is something your Asst. Sherry wouldn't help you with? It is something you need outside of that then? Mayor Dolezal stated correct, he has those skills. Communication that he thought is worth much more than \$100 a month. The claims passed with all in favor.

Old Business: Stop Sign on Columbia: Councilwoman Hufford asked about the stop signs on Columbia that were discussed at the BOW. Mayor Dolezal stated it was mentioned, they are gathering feedback or other suggestions and going to accumulate those. Councilwoman Hufford asked if he had a deadline on moving forward. Mayor Dolezal stated no we have no deadline, we are always open for improvement on stop signs so we are accumulating a couple of them instead of doing them each separate and an ordinance for each one.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials:

Mr. John Ellis, Park Road, asked about the sidewalks being put in down to the mailboxes. Mayor Dolezal stated we are planning to do that because it improves the safety of the entire crossing issue. Mr. Ellis asked when they are doing it? Mayor Dolezal stated he would check on it and will let him know. Mr. Ellis stated Baker Concrete has his equipment there, he agreed with the sidewalk but doesn't like losing his parking space.

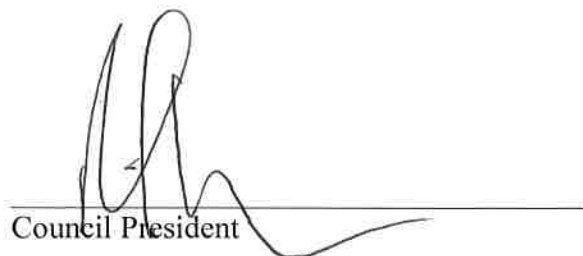
Mr. Bob Edinger, Tipton, stated he was hoping he wouldn't have to get up here tonight but there is no other choice, he was expecting an explanation and apology from the last meeting to the public. He felt that many comments were unprofessional and disgusting. He also stated he was hoping leadership would have done something more. Councilman Chandler commented he apologized at the last meeting on record. Councilwoman Hufford stated that the reason she didn't approve the minutes is because of the last meeting. She stated she heard Mr. Chandler apologize for cursing but nothing more. With that being said that is why she didn't approve the minutes; she didn't feel they were true to what took place. She also stated she heard from a lot of people, and she appreciates Mr. Edinger saying something.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President