

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on February 14, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Mike Terry, Ken Ehman, Diana Tomlinson, Judy Coker, Steve Niblick, Joe Bitner, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Jeffery Ogden, and Josh Smyles.

Mayor Dolezal opened the February 14, 2022, BOW meeting. Happy Valentine's Day.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve January 24, 2022, BOW minutes, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Approval of Paving Bids for 2021 Community Crossing Grant Project: Public Works Manager Terry read an email from City Engineer Mahan recommending Midwest Paving in the amount of \$635,009.92 and he also stated all documents were provided. Mayor Dolezal asked if they have done work for us before. Terry stated yes last CCG project. He also stated the bid is higher than the engineer's estimate, but we think some of the quantities are higher than the estimate. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the bid from Midwest Paving for \$635,009.92, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Extend Residency Requirement for Josh Smyles (2-24-22): Chief Bitner stated Firefighter Smyles lives in Noblesville and his lease is up in October. He signed another year's contract in October of 2021 because going month to month would have been an increase of \$700 a month. He has been looking but it either doesn't fit his budget or what he is looking for, he would like to extend moving to Tipton County until October. Mayor Dolezal suggested a temporary basis until the end of the year. It was stated as a temporary measure until the end of the lease. Councilman Rippy made a motion to extend the residency requirement for Firefighter Josh Smyles through October 2022, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Residency Requirement for New Hires (extend 20-mile radius from Fire Dept.): Mayor Dolezal suggested extending the residency requirement to a 20-mile radius from the Fire Dept. until the end of the year. Councilman Rippy made a motion to extend the residency requirement for new hires to a 20-mile radius from the Fire Dept. until the end of the year, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Chief Bitner stated when the new engine is here and in service, Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. would like to use the old engine and house it for us until they get a new one in. They are currently having problems with their engine. If anything would happen to it, it's their responsibility. The lease for them to use it is normally not monetary. Chief Bitner stated it would solve their issue because it is a good pumper, and it would solve our housing issue. He also stated Red Diamond will be here on Wednesday and will meet with the Mayor, Chief Stout, and himself. Councilman Kring stated he would like to be there.

Residency Requirement for Police Dept. extend 30-mile radius and lateral transfer: Mayor Dolezal stated they only had three show up for the physical agility. He also stated we need to extend this out to the end of the year. Councilman Kring made a motion to extend the residency requirement for the Police Dept to a 30-mile radius and the lateral transfer until the end of the year, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson commented there were five burials, one cremation, and two lots sold for a cost of \$1,400. Mayor Dolezal asked if the mausoleum was open. Tomlinson reported it is all full, but the mausoleum is opened on Memorial Day.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson stated Cicero Creek Project has started with tree removal, but they have not started on the bridges. She also stated they are in the fourth week of the Disc Golf Project and a total of 74 trees have been removed. Tomlinson commented she has hired four of the five bands for this year's Concerts in the Park. She also commented the camera has been installed outside the concession stand at the ball diamonds. Councilman Rippy asked if the restrooms will have to be stabilized by the bank. Tomlinson stated not at this point was the way it was explained to her. It was asked what the goal was for disc golf. Tomlinson commented mid-summer.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Commissioner Niblick reviewed the permit summary report for January. There was a brief discussion about housing and courtyards. Mayor Dolezal stated the RDC has a couple of City lots with no restrictions. Commissioner Niblick stated the limit is mobile homes, but manufacturing homes are okay. Enforcement Division Coker reviewed the case summary reports for January. She addressed a few properties with trash issues. Coker stated Mr. McKinney was contacted and he will get working on the 300 Erie Street property. Councilman Kring asked about Mr. Rickett's property on E. Jefferson Street. Coker stated she hasn't contacted him yet. There was a brief discussion regarding the property at 208 E. Jefferson Street. Mayor Dolezal stated the old cigar store. Coker reported Needlers should be starting soon on the repairs.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry thanked the crews at the Street Dept. for their work on the snowstorm they did an awesome job. He also stated we are transitioning from snow season to potholes, if you know of any call the Street Dept. to report them. Terry commented he notified Vectren regarding North Street, they did a temporary repair on North Street between Conde and West they will be back in the spring to fix it. Mayor Dolezal stated great job, he has received several compliments. He also stated the sidewalks are the responsibility of the business owners. Terry reported Friday afternoon we moved snow off sidewalks. Mayor Dolezal stated you moved the piles off the streets too. Terry reported we shut down half blocks to load snow, this kept everything safe and made the process quicker. Ms. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked how close to sidewalks can they get. Terry reported downtown the loader will take it to the edge of the

curb as he can. Boyd asked about it in front of the Tribune. Terry stated that would be INDOT. He also stated the storm was over a two-day period helped.

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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President, Board of Public Works and Safety