

City of Tipton Common Special Meeting was held on November 2, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, and Kring, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Rippey was not present.

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Kegan Schmicker, Rob Cochrane II, Steve Raber, Wyatt Johnson, and Abbie Smith.

Mayor Dolezal opened the November 2, 2022, Special Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Dolezal stated the Special Council meeting is to discuss possible projects for the GO Bonds. There is an urgency to get this approved before year-end so it will allow the DLGF the ability to approve the tax levy request for capital improvements. There were two items currently listed on the projects, the downtown revitalization and the western connector. The cost estimates were not derived from a detailed engineering study, however, they would meet the detailed requirements for justifying the tax levy consideration. The Public Safety Building repairs need to be made if we have the tax levy established, we could invest those funds into the upkeep of the facilities.

Councilman Ehman stated in the budget workshops the bond issue was discussed; the number one priority is Public Safety Building (PSB) even though he supports the downtown green space and has been on the agenda for years. This bond should be for the Public Safety Building. After listening to the Council meeting the project could be amended. Mayor Dolezal stated that is his understanding.

Councilwoman Hufford stated she agrees with Ken's statement. The amphitheater needs to be removed from the document at this point and time. The Public Safety Building whatever work needs to be done could be costly. We need to think about PSB but also use it for vehicles, infrastructure, clearing area for RDC buildings, and demolishing 210 and 212 Jefferson Street to make a desirable green space, another thing would be a skate park and improve the community. She stated the County, Committee, and public need to come together on the amphitheater. Councilman Ehman stated the amphitheater has been discussed several times and there have been multiple inputs, the Foundation with 30-40 leaders, and the Revitalization Committee met to discuss green space. He also stated he wouldn't support a bond for the skate park but you could include the baseball fields.

Mayor Dolezal commented he would like to hear from each Councilmember.

Councilman Kring stated he would prefer to separate each project, but suggested keeping what is in there now, it doesn't mean we have to fund it. He also stated the number one priority is the City Safety Building, then the 400 series after that for capital improvements. Councilman Kring stated he felt the demolition of buildings should be from other funds.

Councilman Chandler commented the two items currently in there are strictly placeholders to justify the GO Bonds and has no problem with that. He also commented the number one property is the Public Safety Building, he agrees with the revitalization plan, the 400 series, and other amenities.

Clerk-Treasurer Clark explained the ARPA money was used for some 400 series items that we could cut from the General fund budget but still be able to fund the items because we weren't sure if this Debt Service Fund was going to be approved.

The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the Public Safety Building improvements, the Revitalization area, and other capital improvement items. They also discussed if there had to be estimated for each item.

Mayor Dolezal stated he would take public comment but limited time to two minutes.

Mr. Wyatt Johnson asked if we own the PSB or if we still lease it. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated yes, we own it. He asked if it would impact the property taxpayer. Mayor Dolezal stated with the increase in assessed value, the increase to the taxpayer won't be higher. The tax rate would go down. Mr. Johnson asked about Councilman Kring's comment about the PSB putting in only 127K, but it would cost more to improve it. There was a brief discussion regarding getting quotes for the PSB and what we currently have.


Mr. Bob Edinger stated he had a couple of questions. He asked who would pay for this, the taxpayers? Councilman Ehman stated anything we do the taxpayers pay for it. Councilman Ehman stated just double-checking. Mayor Dolezal stated the tax rate goes down. He also stated the PSB is the higher priority. Mr. Edinger stated the best estimate if it's a high priority. It was stated we tried to get numbers but some of the General Contractors wouldn't get back to us with numbers. It was not a big enough project.


Mr. Steve Raber stated he feels better now than what he read in the paper. He feels to spend money on different needs. There was a brief discussion regarding getting estimates for certain things. Mr. Raber asked what was the length of the bond proceed. It was stated three years. Councilwoman Hufford stated no longer than five years. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated it's at three years.

Ms. Vicky Boyd asked what's the impact on the taxpayer. Mayor Dolezal stated an increase of .169/100.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President