

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on January 23, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Kring was not physically present but phoned in to listen only.

Others: Jeff Stout, Abbie Smith – Consultant for City of Tipton, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Steve Raber, Russ Kirchner, David Lacy, Davin Nichols, Dave Maddox, Brad Robins, Mark Baird, Robert Cochrane, Caleb Clark, Jane Harper, and Michael Spurlock.

Mayor Dolezal opened January 23, 2023, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Mayor Dolezal added Chief Stout to the Agenda to recognize important people within the Police Dept.

Chief Stout – TPD's 2022 End of Year Review: Chief Stout thanked the Council for amending the agenda to add the End of Year Review. He gave a recap of 2022 see attached (TPD's 2022 End of Year Review). Chief Stout stated these officers and staff make my job easier and make us all look good. The Council applauded and it was stated they go above what is expected, all they do and are committed to. Mayor Dolezal stated during the budget time we approved two vehicles for the Police Dept. in the amount of 71K with the expectation to be funded out of ARP Funds. They were not able to secure two police vehicles this year so Chief Stout wants to change it to his administrative vehicle which he would have replaced in 2024. The BOW authorized the purchase of this vehicle amount of \$37,429 pending the Council's approval. Councilman Chandler made a motion to use the funds for that vehicle purchase, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. It was stated thanks for recognizing all the departments that went over and above.

BOW: Councilman Rippy reported on January 23, 2023, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman stated they don't meet until February.

Goodwill: Mayor Dolezal commented we meet later this week.

DSW: Mayor Dolezal stated they meet next Monday, January 30, 2023.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: It was stated they meet later in the week.

Planning: Councilwoman Hufford stated they did not meet.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated January 17, 2023, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He highlighted some of the items discussed at the meeting. Councilwoman Hufford asked about the expansion property acquisition, but Ms. Nash hasn't signed anything. Councilman Chandler stated he only knows what was reported. Councilwoman Hufford asked Mayor if he knew, it hasn't sold plus 100 acres, she was hoping Utility Manager Ankrum would have been here. Mayor Dolezal stated he wasn't aware.

New Business:

Update on Trail Study – Steve Raber: Mr. Raber stated the City was approved for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Route with the Indiana Department of Health for 30k with no match from the City. The County decided to participate as well. There is a Steering Committee formed and has met with the consultant. We are getting community input and had meetings in Sharpsville, Windfall, the Foundation, and Farmers Market. We looked at the Downtown Revitalization Plan and it is moving along well. There is a meeting on January 26th, a presentation for County people on February 9 in Sharpsville, and February 15th a presentation for City people at the Foundation from 6-7:30 p.m. Mr. Raber asked the Council to attend the presentation, the presentation will be 30-45 minutes with different stations set up when the presentation is done. He also stated March 16th the Steering Committee meeting will meet at the Foundation, after that it comes to the Council for approval and amendment or attachment to the Comprehensive Plan, the Bicycle or Pedestrian routes are where we need to focus on. Councilman Ehman asked if there will be further work in the Park. Mr. Raber stated that is Phase 2 of the Trail and we should be ready to go. The shelving project slowed us down a lot but it had to go to INDOT because it is Federal money. He also stated as of today INDOT has added their final blessing. We will then open it up for public comment and then add it to the paper to give 30 days to make a public comment. The consultant has the bid document ready to go to put out for bid. The BOW would be the one to approve the bids. Raber stated we could start construction in late spring, or early summer and the construction doesn't take very long, then we will do ribbon cutting. Councilman Ehman asked about the scope of the project. Raber stated it would be through the Park to connect 19, to Millers and Golf Course Road. The trailhead would be behind Millers and we can stop there but the DNR stated we could go to Golf Course Road. He also stated he would like some time to have it connected to the Disc Golf. Mr. Raber thanked the Council for their time. Mayor Dolezal thanked Mr. Raber for all his work on the trail study.

Old Business:

Council Appointments – DSW: Councilman Chandler stated the DSW appointment doesn't expire until the end of 2023. He also stated Councilman Kring has some conflicts and if he resigns, we can look at it then. If anyone would like to take the position we can have an open discussion with Councilman Kring, Councilman Chandler stated he would be willing to take the position.

Mayor's Appointments: Mayor Dolezal appointed JoAnne Burke to Area 5, Michelle Owens to City Planning and City BZA member, Cliff Ragan to City BZA, John Crume to GAC, Jade Crawford to Park Board, Michael Spurlock to City Planning replaces the appointment D. Clark held. He also appointed himself to City RDC, along with Brent Cardin and Michael Nasser. The cemetery appointment is Rick Rippy, Tom Phifer, and Tami Brown. Dylan Muse to fill the position on City Planning Commission. Councilwoman Hufford stated the Planning Commission didn't meet and questioned some of the appointments/replacements. Mayor Dolezal stated some of the replacements were because of attendance.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal commented Jane Harper, INDOT relations is here to address the four-way stops. She was very instrumental with INDOT to improve downtown. Mrs. Harper set the record straight on everything that has occurred with INDOT since February 2020 regarding SR 28 and Jefferson Street. They wanted pavement replacement and were going to excavate 20-30 inches. If we wanted to preserve the history of Tipton County, the first brick street in Indiana was Tipton, Indiana. If we wanted to preserve 2.5 blocks we had to own it. With the relinquishment, City takes over and can use the funding for a grant match of 80/20 match and do more with the money and spread it over five years. She also addressed the truck traffic and the four-way stop at Park Road and roundabouts. Mrs. Harper commented with the relinquishment money we want to make downtown pedestrian friendly. She also commented the traffic study will give us the information we need as well. Councilman Ehman stated thank you very much. Councilman Chandler asked about the bridge over the bypass and stated no truck traffic. Harper stated it was because they didn't want trucks, not because of the quality of the bridge. The bypass was for school and hospital traffic. INDOT Engineers wouldn't have taken over the bridge if it was compromised in any way. She also stated they are going to make the bridge more level because of CVS in and out. There was a brief discussion regarding the truck traffic downtown and stoplights. Councilwoman Hufford stated at Jefferson and East Street there is a lot of traffic, is there going to be a four-way stop there? Harper stated there may be seven proposed, the engineering firm says if we have enough or too many, the Council will have to pass an ordinance. It was stated we appreciate the answers and information and thank you for all the work with INDOT and for getting results from them. Mayor Dolezal stated the truck traffic was not new Mayor Havens and three cities, Tipton, Elwood, and Alexandria were looking at Division Road for truck traffic. Ms. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked when the traffic study starts. Mayor Dolezal stated in the last couple of weeks. Boyd asked about the cost of the study. Dolezal stated it depends on what all the parking study handles, for the merchants as well.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2023-02 – A Preliminary Resolution Declaring An Economic Revitalization Area And Supporting A Property Tax Abatement For Tipton Wilson Properties, LLC Within The City Of Tipton Corporate Limits: Ms. Abbie Smith gave her briefing on the Tipton Wilson properties request for a tax abatement for expansion in the current location. She

also stated she recommends an eight-year real property abatement. Mayor Dolezal stated the process is to establish ERA with a resolution and a public hearing notice and then a final resolution after the public hearing. Councilman Ehman asked if everything is approved when would you start. Mr. Russ Kirchner, Tipton Wilson properties, stated as early as March. He also stated they had a growth spurt and gave an explanation of the expansion. Mayor Dolezal commented it's a wonderful employer to the community. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02, seconded by Councilwoman Hufford, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 172808-173008 for \$3,718,570.29, seconded by Councilman Ehman. Councilwoman Hufford asked about the Electric claim for 1 million dollars. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated it is an end-of-the-month claim for the Utilities. The Utility Board approved the claims and then at the end of the month, the City puts the utility claims in the City's software system as a whole. Councilwoman Hufford asked about claim #172817 for \$20,937 to INDOT for the overpayment. Clerk-Treasurer Clark explained it is from Community Crossing Grant was under so we had to pay the State back. Hufford asked about claim #172820 for 50K. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated at the end of the year the trash revenue received for the year, 15 percent goes to Sanitation Capital Improvement Fund for a garbage truck payment. Councilwoman Hufford asked about page 6 claim 172972 from EDIT. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated is for Guardian Advocacy, Linda Johnson. Mayor Dolezal commented it helps with financial services for folks who can't afford it. Councilwoman Hufford asked about claim #172973 HWC. It was stated for project expenses for the ADA Plan. Hufford asked about page 8, claim #173004 for \$21,856, what did we purchase? Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated Golf Course purchase some equipment and had some trade-ins. Councilwoman Hufford asked about claim #173008 to Mark E. Holeman for \$10,800, invoices for November, December, and January. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail grant. Mr. Raber stated it is part of the 30K, it is reimbursement from the grant. Councilwoman Hufford thanked Mr. Raber and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. The claims were passed with all in favor.

Mayor Dolezal stated the ARP Advisory Committee is Councilwoman Rippy and Ehman, Brent Carding with RDC, Abbie Smith, Jim Ankrum, Clerk-Treasurer Clark, and the Mayor will serve on it.


Mayor Dolezal asked if there was any public comment. Mr. Caleb Clark lives at Canterbury Apartments and some issues are going on that don't affect him but do his neighbors. He said some residents were told they have three months to move and there is no paperwork to formalize it. Councilwoman Hufford stated to contact legal Counsel and Advocacy Program out of Indianapolis. Mayor Dolezal stated that would be an advocacy question and he will reach out there. Mr. Clark stated he just wants their legal rights protected. Mayor Dolezal thanked Mr. Clark for bringing this information forward.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President



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TPD's 2022 End of Year Review

(Tipton, Ind.) - A recap of the 2022 calendar year for the Tipton Police Department (TPD) is loaded with accomplishments and successes. At the close of the year, TPD employed twelve full-time sworn officers, one full-time sworn K9, one part-time sworn officer, and three civilian staff members. TPD finished 2022 with 5,030 calls for service, 156 criminal arrests (48 of which involved felonies), 892 traffic stops, 1,056 hours of training, 126 calls for the Community Service Officer, and 242 hours of overtime funded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Listed below are just a few achievements, highlights, and milestones from TPD's 2022 activities:

Public Safety Administrative Coordinator Debbie Frazier celebrated her 31st year at the Tipton Police Department. Debbie is an integral part of TPD, starting as a dispatcher and working her way up to handling the department's financial reports, budgets, payroll, ordering of equipment/supplies, and ensuring the department operates efficiently.

TPD hired Officer Bill Tipton. Officer Tipton came to TPD as a lateral officer with over five years of law enforcement experience. Officer Tipton has been a welcome addition among TPD staff and within the Tipton community due to his friendly and helpful demeanor.

Assistant Chief David Lacy, Captain Davin Nichols, and Detective Robert Nunemacher taught the D.A.R.E. program to over 70 fifth grade students enrolled at Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC). All of the students graduated and were rewarded with a pizza party and demonstration put on by K9 Taz and Sergeant Brad Robins.

Officer Michael Firks became a certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) instructor. Officer Firks has been working with the Tipton County Health Department to provide quality training and user certifications to students and staff at TCSC and employees of the Tipton County Boys and Girls Club, as well as, first responders in Tipton County.

Chief Jeff Stout was selected to throw the first pitch for the Tipton High School baseball team at their annual Public Safety Appreciation Day. Without even practicing, Chief Stout's pitch was a strike right down the middle!

School Resource Officer Dave Maddox was jointly nominated by his peers at TPD and TCSC, as well as, supporters in the community, for an award within the Indiana School Resource Officer Association (INSROA). Officer Maddox won the INSROA Region 5 "Officer of the Year" award for his dedication and exceptional work to keep the students, staff, and visitors of TCSC safe.

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Sergeant Brad Robins and K9 Taz were invited to join host Patty Spitler on Life. Style. Live! which is aired by WISH-TV. The discussion revolved around the use of law enforcement canines and the training that goes into building successful canine teams. The interview ended with a demonstration of K9 Taz locating contraband on the WISH-TV set.

Officer Grant Tansy and Officer Bill Tipton were customers at the lemonade stand on Betty Way. Several young entrepreneurs put on the lemonade stand and they were vital in quenching the thirst of Officer Tansy and Officer Tipton on a hot summer day.

Officer Michael Firks graduated all three phases of traffic crash reconstruction school. Officer Firks can now assist TPD and other agencies with investigating traumatic traffic crashes that rise above the level of basic property damage or require intense mathematical calculations to determine what occurred.

TPD purchased the new department golf cart for use at community events, as well as, in expectation of the new trail systems coming to the area. The golf cart had its graphics affixed by Hoosier Sign Guy and it was outfitted with emergency lighting/siren in-house by Sergeant Brad Robins and Assistant Chief David Lacy. The golf cart made its debut leading the Grand Parade of the Tipton County Pork Festival while being operated by Chief Jeff Stout and occupied by Safety Pup.

Community Service Officer Cheryl Emmert and Public Safety Administrative Assistant Cheyenne Watson decorated the TPD flower pot for the Tipton Main Street Association flower pot Christmas challenge. They came in second place with their Christmas ornament decoration.

Officer Brandon Leisure received a Letter of Commendation for his involvement in a juvenile case. During the investigation, Officer Leisure partnered with the Department of Child Services (DCS) to remove two juveniles from a destructive home, which gave the juveniles a revived chance to grow up in a loving home and become respectful, responsible members of society.

Sergeant Brad Robins was named "Criminal Enforcement Officer of the Year" and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service toward making Tipton a safer and more wholesome community.

Officer Michael Firks was named "Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Year" and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service toward making Tipton a safer and more wholesome community.

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Captain Davin Nichols applied for and was awarded a grant through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for a new report management system (RMS). The grant total is upward of \$105,000. Captain Nichols is leading the effort to update the RMS with Caliber Public Safety software. Captain Nichols is working with neighboring agencies and other local public safety entities to ensure a smooth transition.

Assistant Chief David Lacy, Captain Davin Nichols, and Sergeant Brad Robins were tasked with selecting and designing a new department patrol uniform. A Blauer navy blue uniform was selected with a new outer ballistic vest carrier that is equipped with molle (webbing) attachment points. The molle allows for heavy equipment items to be placed on an officer's chest instead of being placed on an officer's belt. This alone will help improve the overall health of officers and help to prevent back/hip related injuries.

Captain Davin Nichols applied for and was awarded a grant through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to purchase new body worn cameras. TPD's original Axon body worn cameras were purchased in 2017 and through time and use, the body worn cameras need to be replaced as they wear out. This grant allowed TPD to purchase four new body worn cameras to replace older, faulty units.

Sergeant Brad Robins worked with the department's technology vendor, Axon, to purchase a drone and implement a drone program in conjunction with new software for the storage of drone footage, body worn camera footage, and vehicle dash camera footage. The new drone will be beneficial for search and rescue purposes, monitoring and documenting K9 tracks, measuring crime and crash scenes, locating fleeing suspects, providing critical public safety functions during large crowd events, and roles within public relations. Officer Michael Firks is a certified drone pilot through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and will be the department's primary pilot.

Captain Davin Nichols and Sergeant Brad Robins researched, selected, and installed an updated surveillance camera system for the department's facility. The system has cameras recording 24/7 in areas indoors and outdoors around the department.

The department deployed two new patrol vehicles. The vehicles are 2022 Ford PIU's (Explorers) from Tipton Ford. The graphics on the vehicles were designed and installed by Hoosier Sign Guy. The new vehicles each boast Whelen emergency lighting/siren equipment, Havis consoles and computer equipment, and Motorola radio equipment, which was all installed by American Eagle Equipment.

All media inquiries should be directed to the PIO contact listed below.

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