

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on July 24, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Vicky Boyd w/Tipton Tribune, Benny Frazier, Kegan Schmicker, Robert Cochran II, Mike Bollman, Dick Klein, Abbi Smith – Community Development Director, Aaron Hill, Holly Brock, Greg Allison w/Assembly of God Church, Jim Ankrum, and Andi Pumphrey.

Mayor Dolezal opened the July 24th, 2023, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve July 10th, 2023, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to amend

Public Hearing on Alley Vacation TMU and First Assembly of God Board of Trustees: Mayor Dolezal stated we need a motion to open the public hearing at 5:30 p.m., so moved by Chandler, seconded by Councilman Ehman. Motion carried with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal stated this is in relation to a property adjacent to the TMU Water Company. Mr. Jim Ankrum came before the Council to ask for three alleys to be vacated. Two reside within the fenced-in area at the Water Plant and one is on the First Assembly of God Church property to the North of us. Also with us tonight is Greg Allison with the Assembly of God Church and Pastor Brock. One alley runs right beside the building and one runs through the clearwell. The one on the church property runs right to the west side of the church building. Mayor Dolezal asked if Mr. Allison or Miss Brock would like to comment. Mr. Allison came to the podium and stated they were working with the TMU with the possibility of selling the property to them so they are trying to tidy things up. Mr. Kring asked if he had any objections to vacating the alley and Mr. Allison stated no objections. Miss Brock asked if a shed that was on the property needed to be moved in a timely manner. Councilman Ehman stated the shed hasn't been an issue for the last 50 or 60 years so he doesn't think it would be an issue. Councilman Kring stated that once the alley is vacated half of it goes to one property owner and the other half goes to the other property owner so if you are mowing it now nothing changes. Mayor Dolezal opened it up for public comments either for or against, no comment. Councilman Kring made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Councilman Rippy. All in favor, the hearing was closed at 5:38 p.m..

Board of Works: Councilman Kring recapped the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman Ehman stated they did meet and the course is looking great and keep praying for good weather.

Goodwill Committee: Councilman Chandler stated they did not meet.

Solid Waste District: Councilman Kring stated they meet next Monday.

SAS: Councilman Ehman stated they met and had several items they discussed. The Sidewalk program is in progress and they had several applicants. They will have to move into next year because of funding. Mike Terry, Public Works Manager reported the LPA Grant is still in work. Indot has approved everything so engineering will be addressed to start the design. Mike is working on the community crossing grant. Councilman Ehman personally questioned why paving hasn't started yet but Mr. Terry said concrete work will be completed first, like the handicapped sidewalk areas. There was some discussion regarding yard waste. There has been talk about providing yard waste containers to property owners who do not have access to an alley and have to put grass clippings and stuff out in the street so we are considering providing a 96 gallon container for that. Councilman Ehman also reported that we will be asking to double stripe yellow on Old 28 out to 300 so that will become no passing out to County Road 300. Councilman Chandler ask if there would be a different colored lid on the yard waste containers. Councilman Ehman stated they will have green lids.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler recapped the Utility Board meeting. They met July 17<sup>th</sup>. The minutes are enclosed.

Mayor Dolezal asked if there were any other boards or committees that would like to report, none.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Mayor's Report: The downtown plaza Phase One we hope to have partially completed by the first week of October with full completion of Phase One by the third week of October. We expect to be putting up the fence at the baseball complex this fall. Then starting on the concession building complex this November. We are continuing to have housing discussions, in particular, Arbor Homes has kept a close eye. We've stayed in close contact regarding the progress of the establishment of the residential TIF. We are going to have a meeting within the next week.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Ordinance 2023-06 an ordinance to vacate a public way in the City of Tipton in Tipton County and the Assembly of God Board of Trustees. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06. Councilman Ehman seconded the motion, motion carried on first reading.

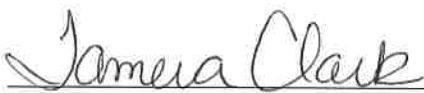
Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 174226-174324 for \$666,067.89. Councilman Chandler seconded the motion with all in favor.

Councilman Chandler stated he would like to double back and make a comment. Mayor Dolezal stated yes. Councilman Chandler stated there is an ordinance meeting set for next week and the time has not been set yet. It is to discuss the idea of allowing chickens without roosters within the city limits.

Public Comment: Andi Pumphrey, Rosie Street asked when Mr. Terry is ever going to spray for mosquitoes. Mayor Dolezal stated he had a discussion with him from your last comments about High-Performance Alloys willing to spray. Ms. Pumphrey stated it was one time. Mayor Dolezal asked if they had done that yet. Ms. Phumphrey stated they had done it one time. Mayor Dolezal stated he's ready to test when he feels it needs to be tested. He commented that she requests that it be tested. She stated please do. Mayor Dolezal stated he will get with Mr. Terry. Ms. Vickie Boyd, W. Washington stated there is a smell of rotting swamp water coming from a few places on Wilson Street. In the field on the south side of HP Alloys, it's not part of the construction. Mayor Dolezal stated he would look into the design of it and see what the alternatives may be. Ms. Boyd also asked what the property that TMU Water Plant is trying to purchase is used for. Mayor Dolezal stated probably an expansion of services or storage. She also commented that as an avid walker, she notices an increase in semi trucks going east from the west probably due to this construction. She stated police were stopping semis for speeding rather than where they were going according to a police officer she spoke with. She stated semis are required to carry a bill of lading that tells where they are going so if they were stopping them they could make that a common practice to check the bill of lading to see if they are supposed to be here as opposed to just passing through. Mayor Dolezal stated stops are up and speeding is down and it is not a perfect process and it's safety rather than put up seven four-way stop signs. Councilman Kring stated there have been 115 traffic stops, in February there were zero.

Councilman Kring made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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