

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on August 14, 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: Roberta Heinzmann, Kegan Schmicker, Mark Baird, Dick Klein, Abbi Smith – Community Development Director, Mike Bollman, Tim Richards, Jim Ankrum, Mike Benjamin, Don McElfresh, Megan Pore Phifer, Aaron Hill, Joe VanBibber, Abby Ripberger, and Kurt Hare.

Mayor Dolezal opened the August 14, 2023, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the August 14, 2023, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to amend.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the August 14, 2023, BOW meeting.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated the August 8, 2023, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He highlighted some of the items discussed at the meeting.

Other Boards/Committees: Councilman Kring thanked the Public Safety Building Committee, they met with the Architect, and they felt confident they could get something done. The Chiefs were also in attendance.

Planning Commission: Mayor Dolezal stated the Planning Commission met last week and the access dwelling units were discussed and referred to the Special Committee.

Ordinance Committee: Councilman Chandler stated the Committee met last week. We discussed chickens and what the surrounding communities are doing. It was determined not to make any moves at this time regarding chickens. Mayor Dolezal stated Emily Peterson from the Extension Office was checking to also see what other communities have done. One community had a community poultry area like a community garden.

New Business:

City of Tipton 457 Plan (Empower) – Kurt Hare: Mr. Hare explained Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer is the Administrator of the Plan. The Secure Ace 2.0 has regulations that apply to the plan. There are two amendments, one is the existing pretax deferrals and a ROTH provision for after-tax, so they can draw money out tax-free. This new amendment will be able to add ROTH option to the City plan. The second section is removing the catchup provisions for ages 50 and older from the plan. Mr. Hare stated he didn't believe this would be the right decision. The last option is the First Day Rule which allows

governmental 457(b) plan participants to make deferral changes on any day. The current plan doesn't restrict that, they can make changes mid-month. Mr. Hare recommended yes to question A, no to question B, and yes to Part 2 on the First Day Rule. There were a few questions regarding pre-tax and post-tax. Councilman Kring made a motion to allow the Administrator to check yes for A, no for B, and yes to Part 2, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Mr. Hare stated the ROTH would take effect on January 1. He will schedule meetings with the active participants and then with the ones that are not participating.

Proposed Downtown Overlay Ordinance – Tattoo Parlor: Mayor Dolezal stated this was discussed a while back but we didn't pass a new ordinance. The discussion on the tattoo parlor was that we wanted to take it off the not permitted use. There was a brief discussion on the other not permitted uses. Councilman Chandler made a motion to send this to the Planning Commission for recommendation, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. There was a brief discussion on rezoning a property and whether the Council send it to the Planning Commission in the future.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated Councilman Kring brought up the architect for the Public Safety Building. We had a visit with KJG the architect of the Public Safety Building. The skate park meeting is Wednesday, August 16th at 6 p.m. at the Tipton County Foundation. He also stated they are scheduling an RDC meeting regarding the Second Street property and 210-212 Jefferson Street.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Ordinance 2023-06 – Ordinance To Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana – TMU (310 N. East Street) & Assembly of God Board of Trustees (277 E. North Street): Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. This would be a nice addition to the complex, with vacating the alley.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 174013-174493 for \$3,715,596.00, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Petitions Comments and Memorials:

Mayor Dolezal asked for public opinion on the emergency configuration of the four-way stops. Councilman Ehman commented when he first found out about it, he was not in favor. He made multiple trips, and the traffic flow was fine. It was a good move, and he sees no issues. He also commented he has talked to people going to school and they said the traffic just flows. Councilman Kring stated he was apprehensive but trusted the Chief's decision on the safety issues. He also commented about making Jefferson and Main four-way stops with no turn lanes. Councilman Kring stated he is willing to change his opinion. This will stop semis blaring downtown. Councilman Rippy stated ditto to both

their comments. Councilman Chandler stated this was an emergency situation. He also stated if this was a permanent change, he would be against it. He felt the need to reconfigure the intersection with multiple lanes. We need to redesign first, not after the fact. Mr. Tim Richards stated since this took effect, he hasn't seen any problems. He also stated in his business some customers didn't like the idea but since they have done it he has heard positive comments at his business.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann commented she hopes we don't allow chickens in the City limits. She also commented on the stop signs - very easy and fewer trucks. Ms. Heinzmann stated she agrees with no more electric stoplights. Kokomo and Zionsville have stop signs downtown. The traffic moves better. She also stated to look at the speed limit signs on E. Jefferson. It was stated they are not consistent on each side of the road. It was stated they legally have grounds for that.

There was a brief discussion regarding no truck signs. Mayor Dolezal stated INDOT representative, Jane Harper, will have a discussion with INDOT.

Mr. Bollman stated he has no complaints. He also stated since C.R. 560 is back open can we charge for trucks who are out of town. Mayor Dolezal stated some are Park 100. Mr. Bollman stated Red Gold and the east side of the State, and Ohio. He also stated there was mention of double yellow on the west side of town. Mayor Dolezal stated he would check with Public Works Manager Terry. Mr. Bollman stated he hopes it will allow them because he would like the school bus to stop at his house.

Mayor Dolezal stated he appreciated the input and after discussion with the Chiefs, we are going to continue to evaluate the four-way stops and have more input at the next scheduled meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the cost of the replacement stoplight and how long it takes before we can get one. It was also mentioned that the claim was sent to the City's insurance company to subrogate it.

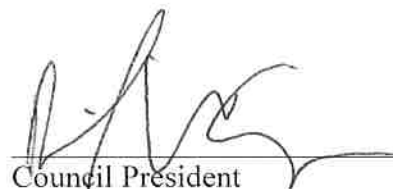
Mr. Richards stated when they repaved at Independence and West the sensor was covered up and they have to regrind it back out. Councilman Kring stated he thought the lights were put on timers. Councilman Ehman stated they are on-timers.

Mayor Dolezal stated the permanent stop signs will be put in for all four directions, they will be solar stop signs.

Adjournment: With no further business, 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