

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on August 28, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Benny Frazier, Ken Ehman, John Kwiatt, Judy Coker, Jeff Stout, Joe Bitner, Abbie Smith – Community Development Director, and Abby Ripberger.

Mayor Dolezal opened the August 28, 2023, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve August 4, 2023, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Benny Frazier, Tipton, stated there is a nuisance at 225 Maple Street. The Police Dept. and Judy Coker – Enforcement Division have both been down there, it is a threat to health. Nothing seems to be done about it. There was a brief discussion regarding the issue. Mayor Dolezal stated he would have a discussion with the Judy Coker – Enforcement Division regarding the process. Mr. Frazier said thank you.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the July monthly report. He commented that the Public Safety Teen Academy went well and was a big hit. Chief Bitner stated Baird's let us and other Departments in the County do some training on their property. He also stated Tipton Fire Dept. hosted District 6 training meeting this month. The training was shut down during COVID and now the training is back. Mayor Dolezal stated kudos for hosting it. Chief Bitner stated the Fire Dept. has participated in a few fundraisers such as Humane Society and Jesse Merrell COO of NHH & Medallion Trucking. Truckers at Heart Truck Show is a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Mayor Dolezal stated that is a good PR event. Chief Bitner commented that Chuck Bell is helping with a grant at the Foundation for the ALS equipment and that application has been submitted. He also commented that Mark & Sherril Coverdale would like to set up their food truck at the Fire Dept. during the Pork Festival. They will give the Fire Dept. Union a donation. Mayor Dolezal stated they need to make sure there is no space available at the Pork Festival. Mayor Dolezal asked if the RFQ went out. Chief Bitner stated the last he heard it was delayed. It was stated the deadline was September 18th.

Police: Chief Stout handed out the monthly stats. The calls and traffic stops are going up. Mayor Dolezal asked about cameras at intersections and writing tickets who do you lobby for this. Chief Stout stated he approved a Beer and Wine Application for Customer Appreciation Night on September 26th from 5-8 p.m. for Re-Max. They will post it at their business, it will be the same set up as last year. They send the information to excise for this type of event. He also stated the Teen Academy is on the agenda tonight for the

Council meeting. Some of the children and their parents will be there. Chief Stout commented that the Tipton Public Safety Teen Academy is a two-day opportunity to provide our local youth with a glimpse into what the professions of policing and firefighting are all about. He also commented there were 14 students ranging from sixth grade to freshmen, a few are here this evening. It was a great event, Chief Stout read off the Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsors and thanked them for the sponsorship. He also explained what the students learned each day. Officer Maddox, Lacy, Nichols, Robins, Leisure and himself with several Firefighters helped with this each day. Chief Stout commented that we reached the younger generation, and we hope it continues. Mayor Dolezal stated you hit the right age group this year. He also commented that the SRO substitutes that would be filling in when SRO Maddox was off had to be State certified. Asst. Chief Lacy and Sgt. Robins both are State certified now. Chief Stout stated Officer Dalton Money graduated in the 230th Class at the Academy. He also stated the CSO position, they received 13 applications, and they were great interviews, we finished the interviews on Friday. Chief Stout commented that they gave a conditional offer of employment to Paige Cunningham, she works at the jail and was in the National Guard, she is passionate about the position. He also commented that she would start September 10, 2023. There was a brief discussion about the other 12 applicants and the possibility of wanting to be an officer. Chief Stout complimented his Officers, ISP, TFD, 911, TCSD and Cicero Twp. on the amazing job they had done on the fatal crash last week.

Enforcement Division – Judy Coker:

Demo Order for 801 Oak Street and 505 Harrison Street: Coker stated she has a purchase agreement on the 505 Harrison Street, they are to close on the 31st. We need to adjust the order to remediate, purchase and fix it up and allow him to December 31st this year. It was stated if that is not met by January 1st then fines will start. Councilman Kring made a motion to modify the demo order for 505 Harrison Street, to revisit in the first meeting in January with the expectation of the Certificate of Occupancy, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. Enforcement Division Coker stated on 801 Oak Street, Mr. Davis pulled the purchase agreement, so the demo order is for September 11th. We will check with Public Works Manager Terry to see what the City costs, it is less expensive than an outside contractor to do it. We will proceed to allow the City to do the demo. Councilman Kring stated they are not going to do it; they would never get the money out of it. Coker stated the right move is to demolish it and place a lien on the property. Mr. John Kwiatt stated it might have a Medicaid lien on that trailer, Mr. Davis's health is bad. He said you might check to see what the priority is on the liens, City lien or Medicaid lien. Mayor Dolezal stated it needs to be torn down, it's a health hazard. There was a brief discussion regarding grass fees and third-party contractors and changing the language/fee schedule in the ordinance. Mayor Dolezal asked about the property at 124 Fourth Street. Coker stated he was sent a letter and has 21 days to demo property and clean up the debris. Once the 21 days are up, she will be seeking an order to appear. Councilman Kring asked when the letter was sent. Coker stated sometime last week. Mayor Dolezal asked if she had a phone number. Chief Bitner stated he has one on file. Coker stated the fire was March 21st and he has been given ample time with the insurance company. Mayor

Dolezal stated you can put construction debris in the City tote or recycle tote. The property at 622 E. Jefferson Street (by Casey's) Coker advised she received an application from the property owner to do some work and they will start in the next month or so.

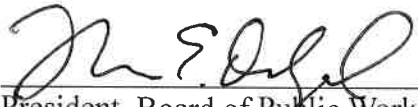
Mayor Dolezal stated we will be taking up the discussion of stop lights in the Council meeting. City folks have been supportive of, the pass-through folks are not supportive. He also stated we have an Architect firm for the Public Safety Building. Mayor Dolezal thanked Mr. Frazier for the information on Maple Street.

Ms. Abby Ripberger stated in regard to Mark Coverdale food truck, she done that and donated to the Fire Union. This is a good community outreach. She also stated it was a great opportunity for the Love Bug and the Union last year. Councilman Rippy stated the main thing is the liability, get a copy of the insurance certificate to the Firefighters Union. Ms. Ripberger stated she wasn't big enough to do this at the Pork Festival. Mayor Dolezal stated to get a certificate of insurance and waiver of liability form as well from Mark Coverdale.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Kring called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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President, Board of Public Works and Safety