

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on June 10, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Clerk-Treasurer Clark, Councilman Ehman, and Kring.

Others: Jeff Stout, Jackson Tunnell, Jim Heard, Diana Tomlinson, Steve Niblick, Tim Richards, Matt Quigley, Abbie Smith, and Mike Terry.

Mayor Schmicker opened the June 10, 2024, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the May 28, 2024, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Pork Festival Street Closure – Jim Heard – Sept. 4th to Sept. 8th: Mr. Jim Heard stated the Pork Festival is the weekend after Labor Day and the request is the same as last year. There was a brief discussion regarding the layout. Mayor Schmicker asked that they prioritize the clean-up starting on the east side at Independence Street and going West, that way Tim's 1 and Mad Tap can get back open. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the street closure for the Pork Festival, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Tomlinson stated there were five burials, three cremations, and one lot sold at \$700. Councilman Kring asked about the lot sale price. Tomlinson stated the Board and Council approved the increases, which went from \$550 to \$700. She also stated we review the Cemetery rates around the area.

Park: Park Superintendent Tomlinson commented it has been crazy this morning, we had a water main break at the Park and INDOT is working at the entrance. She also commented that the basketball courts are completed along with the plaza. Tomlinson stated INDOT will be working at the intersection of Park Road and Main Street. The park exit will be closed at the 4-way but the exit to the south will be open. She also stated Encompass employees volunteered on June 19th to help spread mulch in the playground. Park Supt. Tomlinson stated she would be installing a camera at the basketball courts. She also stated the next concert is June 22nd. Councilman Kring asked if there will be Pool updates for BOW. Mayor Schmicker stated they report to the Park Board. There was a discussion on the structure of the Park Board. Councilman Ehman stated we need to get information on the Pool, Golf Course, etc. It was stated the whole structure is out of wack, it was mentioned at the last Park Board meeting. The liaison reports to the BOW about the Pool and Golf. The BOW is a function of neither the Golf Advisory Committee nor the Park Advisory Board.

Amend Agenda: Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated we need to add Chief Stout to the agenda for the Police Officer recommendation. Councilman Kring made a motion to amend the agenda to add Chief Stout – Police to the agenda, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Chief Stout stated we had an interview with a possible lateral police officer, Zach Huff. He has been with the TCSD since 2017 and before that, he was a Reserve. He is a K9 handler with TCSD. Chief Stout recommended offering a conditional offer of employment to Zach Huff pending Public Safety Medical. Councilman Kring made a motion to offer Zach Huff a conditional offer of employment pending Public Safety Medical, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated this will make you fully staffed.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Niblick stated there are trash and grass violations, a new violation on grass doesn't close until October when the grass stops growing. We are working well with the Public Works. He also stated the BZA this Wednesday has a special exception southeast of town. On Thursday the Planning has a petition for a minor subdivision and will talk about solar regulations. Building Commissioner Niblick reviewed the Planning report numbers with the Board.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry commented we have a busy Street Dept., the summer crew has added two more employees this week, and we are getting the curbs painted. He also commented that the 2023 CCMG work will start next week, they will start with the curbs and then paving. Terry stated the bid documents for the 2024 CCMG are due back by the first meeting in July. He also stated he is finishing up the budget stuff. Public Works Manager Terry commented Tipton On Tap went fairly well, we changed the area and it worked out well.


Councilman Ehman asked if there was any update on the bids for the trail. Mayor Schmicker stated he was going to give an update under the Mayor's report. The bid is going to coincide with the 2024 CCMG project to help get a better bid. If we have two asphalt projects going out to bid at the same time. He also stated that the paper being once a week has created a few public notice challenges, so we are aiming for the first meeting in July to give us a buffer. Councilman Ehman asked if this was going to happen this year. Mayor Schmicker stated it depends on the bid. The Public Works Manager stated sometimes if you expand your parameter it helps with the pricing and depends on the paving schedules for the contractors. Public Works Manager Terry commented that the City Engineer, Cory Mahan is handling the trail.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated the Park entrance INDOT paving project and the City's 2023 CCMG project have started, and the projects will last 45 days in total. The INDOT paving project consists of ADA improvements, sidewalk ramps, asphalt, milling, resurfacing, and restriping the area with some crosswalk improvements on the east side of the road. They will be moving back the guardrails and moving the crosswalk to be in front of the stop bar rather than behind it. He also stated this should improve pedestrian

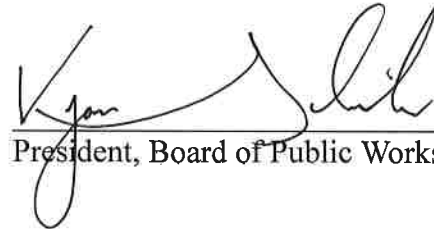
safety. Plus, they are pushing for some flashing lights, at least that is what was communicated.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety