

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on July 22, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Joe Bitner, Jeff Stout, Tim Richards, Matt Quigley, Steve Raber, and Abbie Smith.

Mayor Schmicker opened the July 22, 2024, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the July 8, 2024, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Mayor Schmicker stated this will be after the Departmental Business.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions in the June Monthly report. He also stated Firefighter Carrillo and L. Jones are officially paramedics. Chief Bitner commented that Cicero Twp. is holding an EMT class, they will do clinical by riding along with Medic 81. They will be signing a waiver form, and we will keep it on file. He also commented that there are 11-12 students and there are 24 hours required for clinical. Chief Bitner stated that there were no issues at the fair. He also stated that he hired two new part-time firefighters. This will keep the schedule full.

Police Chief Stout commented that the numbers are still increasing. It was asked why there are so many warnings. Chief Stout stated OPO (Operation Pull Over) was in that time frame. They are making contacts and enforcement of seat belts and taillights. He also stated Zach Huff will start Monday, July 29th, he will then be with Captain Nichols. Chief Stout commented that he got his uniforms last week and we are purchasing the dog and equipment from the Tipton Co Sheriff's Department. He also commented Officer Tunnell is in his second phase of FTO and will go to the Academy, on August 26th with his physical agility test on August 19th. Chief Stout stated Officer Huffman will graduate from the Academy on August 16th, he is still on track and should finish very well. He also stated the parts for the Durango are in and will be installed in the middle of August. The Durango's will go to Captain Nichols and Officer Tansy.

Enforcement Division – Demolish 928 Oak Street: Mayor Schmicker stated there was a challenge in getting the notice to the paper. Councilman Kring stated he is not pleased with the list of code enforcement we gave them, and nothing is happening. In the old chamber building, the grass is getting bad, we seem to be chasing our tails quite a bit. He also stated if Enforcement Officer Coker needs more resources let us know. This is very imperative to this BOW and Council.

Old Business:

CCMG – 2024.1 – Recommendation from Engineer: Mayor Schmicker commented there was one bid for each bid packet. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the bid from

Midwest Paving for the CCMG and to allow the Executive to sign the contracts based on the Engineers recommendation, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. We will communicate this with the City Engineer and have him set the pre-construction meeting. Mayor Schmicker stated we will give them our expectations and City Engineer Mahan and Public Works Manager Terry will be expected to manage this project.


Tipton Park Trails – Phase 2 Rebid – Recommendation from Engineer: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the bid for the Trails – Phase 2 Rebid. Mayor Schmicker stated that the Clerk-Treasurer and he went through the numbers. Councilman Kring asked what they were. Mayor Schmicker stated Park and Recreation in Edit and others. He also stated we must prove success with this project. Councilman Ehman stated in the motion to include the Executive to sign the contract for Morphe Construction as recommended by the City Engineer and Jason with Griffin Collaborative Designs, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

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