

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on August 26, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Bob Edinger, Joe VanBibber, Matt Quigley, Elsa Smith, Steve Raber, Nancy Cline, Rob Cochrane III, Roberta Heinzmann, Mike Bollman, Andi Pumphrey, Jason Henderson, Julie Osbon, Randy Gutierrez, Angie Gutierrez, Ryan Campbell, and Andrea Campbell.

Mayor Schmicker opened the August 26, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Ehman reported on the August 26, 2024, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman commented that the weather and revenue are in good shape. He also commented that some other issues have been sent to the Mayor.

DSW: Councilman Richards stated the yard/tree compost was ground and hauled away in 19 fifty-six-foot semi loads. The grounds are back open, they will be doing fence and weed cleanup.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: Mayor Schmicker stated there was no meeting. They will discuss ADA for totes.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw said they met on August 15th, discussed the solar energy ordinance, sent it to the Standing Committee, and will return it to the Planning Commission.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated August 19, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also stated just under 16,000 ft of pipe has been installed for the force main project. The water tower foundation will begin after Labor Day.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker commented that there is a call out for students with hopes of meeting in early September.

Public Hearing on Buttonwood II Super-Voluntary Annexation (Ordinance 2024-07): Councilman Kring opened the Public Hearing for the Buttonwood II Super-Voluntary Annexation, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Mayor Schmicker asked if there were any comments on the Annexation. There were no comments from the

public. Councilman Ehman made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Schmicker stated the Public Safety Building Feasibility Study and the Reedy Financial analysis on the four different scenarios are now in your box. You can review the information; it is rated A through F with "A" being good. Look and see what improvements to that facility we want to do with the use of GO Bonds, half of the funds have been spent. He also stated for the 2023 CCMG Paving project we will be scheduling a walk-through with the City Engineer, himself, and Midwest Paving. Mayor Schmicker commented that for the 2024 CCMG project, we will be having a pre-construction meeting and make sure the timeline is understood. For the trail project, there will be some activity along the creek and park they are installing a silt fence along the trail, and we should see some dozer work taking place this week. He also commented that the next item is baseball and the current condition and the next steps. Mayor Schmicker stated he attended a meeting that was hosted or called by County Officials to discuss a potential larger project for a sports facility. Based on my interpretation of that meeting it didn't sound like that project was not as urgent as maybe the Cities would be. Not to dismiss the idea but to acknowledge the situation the City has regarding baseball. We started this year with a project that didn't have any funding identified for it at least a \$1.5 million project budget is a significant endeavor on behalf of the City so as we look to hear from some of the members here today identifying the next steps for the next year. The mayor stated he has connected with some construction folks, and we have missed a window of opportunity to get the fields back in Tipton in 2025. He also stated he is working on solutions as we move forward quickly to ensure that we do and will get baseball back in Tipton.

**Resolutions & Ordinances:**

Resolution 2024-13 – A Resolution Adopting Fiscal Policy Resolution For Annexing Contiguous Territory To The City Of Tipton, Indiana - Buttonwood II Super-Voluntary Annexation: Mayor Schmicker stated the Fiscal Plan shows the impacts to the AV are very minimal, just under 50K the net assessed value impact but again that's because this is currently farm ground at the moment. A disclaimer is that Reedy was planning on attending but had an illness with a family member, so they had to cancel at the last minute. This annexation is merely for strategic purposes assuming that Buttonwood Phase 2 will at some point materialize and the impacts to some of the others, like Cicero Township is the only area taxing unit that gets impacted and their total impact is \$57 as we forecast into the future. Councilman Rippey made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Resolution 2024-14 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations – Mayor Budget: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-08 – An Ordinance Amending Article XI, Section 9-408 And The Schedule Of Speed Limits In The City Of Tipton Municipal Code By Establishing New Speed Limits On Certain Streets Now Located Within The City: Mayor Schmicker stated this Ordinance is for second and final reading. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-09 (Amending Ord. 2023-17) – An Ordinance Amending The Maximum Salaries, Wages, And Other Compensation For Police Officers, Firefighters And All Other Employees Of The City Of Tipton For The Year 2024: Mayor Schmicker stated this is a name change from EMS Manager (PT) to EMS Captain (PT). Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 177270-177360 for \$918,437.70, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments, & Memorials:

Councilman Ehman commented on the speed limits and said we need to make sure the signs will be changed, was the Police aware and will they start enforcing them? Mayor Schmicker stated the Police Department was part of the review process and he will verify and touch base on the installation of the signs.

A lengthy discussion was had about the status of the baseball fields. Mr. Ryan Campbell, Tipton Baseball Board President asked for answers and direction for their Board and the community. Some City Council members gave their support to the baseball project. County Commissioner Nancy Cline commented she was here to support Mr. Campbell and the Baseball Board; we are talking about our kids here. She also stated she is one of three Commissioners and she would take the information back to them. Ms. Roberta Heinzmann thanked the individuals who came tonight in support of the baseball project. She also addressed her concerns about having a Park Board so we could apply for grants. Mr. Campbell stated the next Baseball Board meeting is September 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Foundation.

Ms. Elsa Smith stated that Farm Bureau Insurance had their Annual Meeting in the pavilion and the Fire Dept. brought their trucks out, we had face painting by the FFA. Seventy-five people attended and at that time we had no idea the restroom facility would be closed. Mayor Schmicker stated that had a water leak that morning, so the restrooms are usually open.

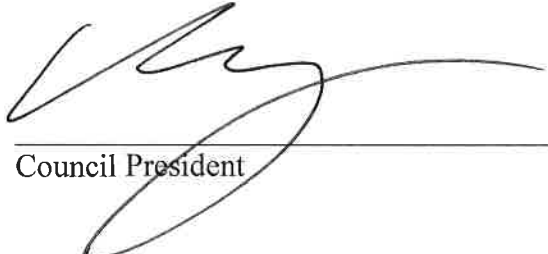
Mr. Steve Raber thanked the Council for the support for the Trails – Phase 2 project. He also addressed his opinion of a Statutory Park Board and applying for DNR grants that are available. Mr. Raber stated we need to have a new five-year plan that needs to be to the DNR by November.

Mr. Bob Edinger stated upon listening to the comments and making an observation that baseball seems important and also the current administration didn't cause this problem. He thinks it's clear that it will be expensive whatever we do. Mr. Edinger commented that some comments that came to him are wondering if the Mayor is even doing anything on this. One observation of Mr. Edinger made is that assuming as Mayor you probably have a lot of things to work on.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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