

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on October 28, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Mike Bollman, Roberta Heinzmann, Matt Quigley, Rob Cochrane III, Bob Edinger, Delora Sullivan-Rich, Ryan Campbell, and Debbie Wayland.

Mayor Schmicker opened the October 28, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the October 14, 2024, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the October 28, 2024, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman Ehman stated the Committee didn't meet. Interviews are being conducted for the New Director of Golf.

District Solid Waste Board: Councilman Richards commented the Board met last week. They looked at next year's budget. They are trying to get the budget back in line.

Street, Alley, & Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman stated the Committee discussed the sidewalk applications for next year. He also stated the trail is 99 % complete and the fencing is up. Councilman Ehman commented that Jefferson St. is being worked on.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw stated there was a favorable recommendation for the solar ordinance that will be coming to the Council. He also stated the Area Plan looked good but still needs work done on it.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented that the October 21, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also commented that the WW Project is going very well and the concrete for the foundation of the water tower has begun.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker stated this is curriculum-based, they will be identifying a project and in the second semester they will work on that project. He also stated there will be a pitch night in November and they will work toward that goal.

New Business:

Approve 2025 Holiday Schedule: It was reported the schedule is the same as last year.

Councilman Richards made a motion to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to Report.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Schmicker stated he has been interviewing for the Municipal Service position and Director of Golf. The paving has concluded on Jefferson Street and the Pool Parking lot. West Street will be done in the Spring. We would like to close out the 2023 CCMG so we are working to get that completed.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-33 – A Resolution To Transfer From The General Fund Cash Balance To The Rainy Day Fund Cash Balance: Mayor Schmicker stated this is transferring \$100K. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-33, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Councilman Rippy asked Clerk-Treasurer Clark to explain the Rainy Day Fund. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the only way to get money in the Rainy Day fund is if we transfer it from the General Fund cash balance. We are allowed to transfer 15% of our budget but next year it will be back to only 10%. Resolution 2024-33 was passed with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 177759-177838 for \$532,105.97, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Councilman Kring stated the BOW lowered the age of Firefighter applicants to the age of 18. Please apply.

Councilman Vautaw stated he likes the sight line downtown without the stop lights.

Mayor Schmicker asked about the Courthouse roof project. Councilman Vautaw stated it has been completed and inspected. They have done an awesome job.

Mr. Ryan Campbell with the Tipton Baseball Board, wanted to do a follow-up from two weeks ago. He asked are the bond funds of 2.6 million proposed for property and facility or property acquisition. Mayor Schmicker stated it is inclusive of both the things that we could use and the flexibility in the project moving forward. It was stated the initial scope is for baseball. There was a brief discussion on the Land and Water Conservation Grant, a Park Board, and a draft Park Master Plan for November 15th. Mr. Campbell gave us a brief update on the Atlanta baseball fields and parking.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked if the baseball project was for three fields. Mayor Schmicker stated in the original project it was. She then asked if there was anything new on the Golf Director. Mayor Schmicker stated not at this time. Ms. Heinzmann commented she was told the fence by the basketball court had not been moved and the other fence was not put in correctly. Councilman Ehman asked if this was the chain link fence. She stated it was supposed to be moved. Ms. Heinzmann asked how much is in the Rainy Day Fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated she wasn't sure but about \$300K. Councilman Kring stated we can move 15% and then next year it is back to 10%.

Councilman Vautaw stated he was glad the Planning, Zoning, and Street Department were looking at properties. Someone stated they appreciated it. Ms. Heinzmann stated on the north end of the city they took down that metal structure. What are the plans? Mayor Schmicker stated they demo the facility and are scrapping the materials. Ms. Heinzmann asked if there was contamination. Mayor Schmicker stated IDEM inspected it in 2019 and stated we couldn't build a facility on the site but could have a park on the site as long as open air.

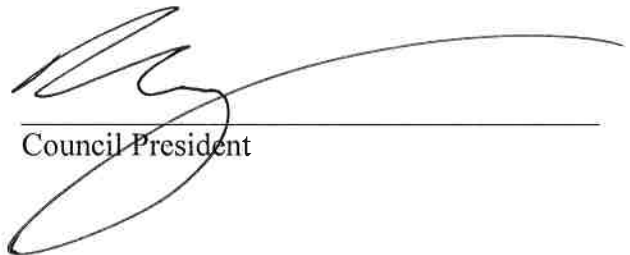
Ms. Heinzmann stated Needlers was purchased by another company, and will they stay in business here. There was a brief discussion regarding Needlers, the new owner Spartan Nash, and people living here.

Adjournment: Councilman Kring made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President