

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on April 14, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dylan Dietrick, Tim Richards, Julie Osbon, Avery Bitner, Lacey Bitner, Joe Bitner, Bryan Carter, Diana Tomlinson, Jim Heard, Anna Tragesser, Patti Eliserio, Judy Coker, and Mary Turner.

Mayor Schmicker opened April 14, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the March 24, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Tipton Co. Library – Street Closure – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-7 p.m. – Mary Turner: Ms. Turner stated this is for the Summer Reading Kick-off on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-7 p.m. Councilman Kring motioned to approve the Street Closure for the Tipton Co. Library on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-7 p.m., seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

TMSA Ribbon Cutting – Street Closure – June 13<sup>th</sup> 4-8 p.m. – Patti Eliserio/Abby Ripberger: Ms. Patti Eliserio stated this would be Court Street and Madison from Main Street to Independence Street. Councilman Ehman motioned to approve the Street Closure for TMSA on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m., seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Tipton Baseball Leagues – Parade – April 19<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – Julie Osbon: Mrs. Osbon stated this is the annual parade on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Councilman Ehman stated it was the same route as in previous years. Councilman Kring motioned to approve the Baseball Parade on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Tipton Co. Pork Festival – Street Closure – Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Jim Heard: Mr. Heard stated this is the weekend after Labor Day. The parade route is the same on Thursday and Saturday as in previous years. We will block the south half of Jefferson Street and leave the north half open for emergency vehicles. Hope Jewelers' parking lot will host the concerts. Councilman Kring asked if everything went well last year. Mr. Heard stated it went better. The golf carts make their own parking space and must park in the designated spots. Councilman Kring stated they can't park on the sidewalk or lawn. Councilman Ehman motioned to approve the Pork Festival Street Closure for September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Bryan Carter 217 S. Fourth Street: Mr. Carter stated they had received a letter regarding some weeds at this property and some neighbors who received letters. He felt this was petty

when he saw other stuff that was not taken care of around the City. Mr. Carter stated he followed up with an email in August of 2024 to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and has had no response. He also stated that they pick people they know will fix the problem. Mr. Carter commented that his biggest concern is the lack of communication. He also commented that he would like a written response to his email. Mayor Schmicker stated that we have had some internal and external communication with legal counsel, even at the State level. What are our legal opportunities, and how do we put more teeth in these ordinances? Councilman Kring stated we are having success, and it started with Mayor Dolezal: we take one bite at a time. There was more discussion regarding this property and communication.

Cemetery: Manager Tomlinson commented that there were nine burials, one cremation, and fifteen lots sold at \$10,500. There were no questions.

Park: Superintendent Tomlinson stated we have been fighting the weather to install the new playground equipment, but the rubber surfacing has been completed. She also stated she added a Seesaw to this area, which is ADA accessible and should be installed in May. Tomlinson commented that the Parks Dept. will be responsible for the electric, water, and trash removal at the Atlanta fields this year. We have hired a mowing crew that should be starting mid-April and ending in October. She also commented that she hired a company to blow mulch into all established playground areas to maintain safety. The benches and bike rack have been installed for the trail; we are just waiting for the trash containers to be shipped to complete the requirements set for the trail project. Tomlinson stated that the new gutters and siding for the maintenance building have been completed. She also stated that the next project will be sealing all areas in the Pavilion to prevent birds from nesting. Tomlinson commented that she was getting estimates to repair the barrel, which is one of the older pieces but is enjoyed by kids and adults. She also commented that the new stone was delivered for the area behind the maintenance building. Tomlinson stated the repairs to the steps leading to the pool were completed, and a new ADA ramp was installed at the entrance. She also stated she was getting a quote for repairing the cement walkway around the pool. Tomlinson commented that she had to call RL Turner to look at the pool walls by the steps going down to the water. The concrete had deteriorated due to water getting behind the gutters at the top. They were able to repair them, but it is only a temporary fix. She also commented she would get costs for a permanent repair/fix, so it can be discussed during budget time.

Street: Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick reported on the trash and recycling numbers. He also stated the garage completed preventive maintenance on the ambulance, the Electric Dept. bucket truck, and Police vehicles. Dietrick commented that the garage replaced the single-arm trash truck's water pump and fixed the Cemetery's mower. He also commented that the Street Dept. workers have been working on the new holes for the new stop signs that will be put up next week. Dietrick stated he received a quote for an air burner for the large solid waste pile. We need to decide if we are going to grind it up or figure out how to purchase the burner. There is no money in my budget to buy one.

The other option is to pay 20K to bring in a grinder every year. There was a question about the West Street project. Dietrick stated they have made it Adams Street and they should finish storm by the end of the next week, then they will start on the water main.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Planning Director Coker stated the permit reports are up this year and this month. We have a development plan that the Planning Commission will hear in May and one in June. There is development in the Industrial Park. She also stated that Mr. Cox renewed his permit for the Old Chamber Building, and he is remodeling this to rent office space. There has been a resolution for Red Brick. Mayor Schmicker asked if Steve had gotten in touch with 208 Second Street, which was a home built on the RDC lots. Coker stated he spoke with her after the meeting. Coker commented that there are 43 new cases for March on Code Enforcement regarding trash and junk by the alley. She also commented that 461 N. Conde has been demolished. There is a lot of property inside the house that is now outside the home. Enforcement Officer Piske has talked to the property owner about a storage unit. Coker stated the property owner wants to keep the garage, but she doesn't believe it is salvageable. She also stated that the owner paid for the demolition on his own, and it didn't cost the city anything. Mayor Schmicker asked how long the house had been down. Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick stated two weeks ago. Councilman Kring stated we need to act on 217 Fourth Street with an order to appear. Coker commented it was on Piske's list, and he has tried working with the property owner. It was discussed that the owner should appear at the first meeting in May. The letter should specify what is wrong and then have them appear and mention fines. An example would be that it's not a secure structure, and it works from that angle. Director Coker stated she is also working on 421 E. Washington, Steve Netherton; the house is about to fall. We will order the property owner to demolish it as the next step. She also stated that 802 Oak Street and 416 Harrison Street are all done. They filed a permit, there is a new house, and they combined lots. Councilman Kring motioned for an order to appear for 217 S. Fourth Street for the first meeting in May and, in the letter, specified the different items like vehicle, weeds, and trash, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Tipton Arts Commission: Ms. Anna Tragesser gave an update on the Commission Public Arts Master Plan. The plan will guide the activities, expectations, and vision of the public arts and will have support for future grant applications. She also stated they would have a plan adopted by the end of the calendar year. Councilman Kring stated the Tipton Main Street Association is planning on some things and will have a collaborative effort with you all. Ms. Tragesser gave information on some ideas they planned for this summer.

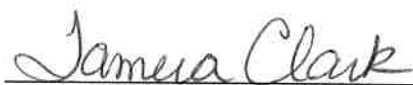
Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated we are working with the library on an MOU for the crosswalk mural and who would be handling the maintenance and upkeep of the crosswalk mural. He also stated the CCMG Bid opening would be at a Special BOW meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>; typically, there are 90 days, but they only allow 45 days. So, the opening is April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be awarded on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Schmicker commented that we are prioritizing the list and debating the delivery model for the critical building

improvements in the public safety building. We are trying to address whether we are doing a design to build, having a construction manager, an owner representative, or our first build, operate, and transfer. That is where that project is right now: figuring out the program method based on our ability to maximize the savings for the City of Tipton. We can't get everything on that list done within our budget. We are hoping for quick action. Councilman Kring asked about Midwest repaving some of the adjacent areas. Mayor Schmicker stated Midwest is doing the project with INDOT so that they will be on the East side of town, east of Ash Street. They are about 2-3 weeks away. This will save us money when completing the project. Mr. Bryan Carter asked if the City would work with private owners to pave the alley on S. Independence, between his property and Mark Wallace's if they are willing to split the cost. Can you work with the paving contractors when they are in town? Mayor Schmicker stated he didn't know if the opportunity was ever presented before, but it was not something we would not entertain. Mr. Carter said he knows it's a mess with the City to keep up with. Mayor Schmicker asked if there was a way we could align this when we do our paving bids so we could maximize the quote for tonnage. Mr. Carter said what you could save in what you spend on the stone every couple of months if you do this.

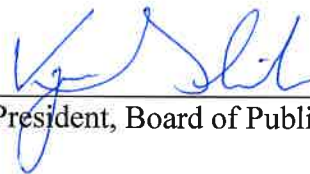
Mr. Jim Heard asked about the green space area. Who do we contact for the Pork Festival to use this area? Tomlinson stated to contact her. Councilman Ehman stated that you would contact Tipton Main Street for the stage.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety