

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on April 28, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dylan Dietrick, Tim Richards, Jeff Stout, Joe Bitner, Avery Bitner, Lacey Bitner, Brian Roberts, Ron Hinshaw, and Dylan Rockwell.

Mayor Schmicker opened the April 28, 2025, BOW meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Ehman motioned to approve the April 14, 2025, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Councilman Kring motioned to approve the April 23, 2025, Special BOW minutes, seconded by BOW Member Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

#### Old Business:

Award Bid for CCMG 2025-1 Paving Grant: Mayor Schmicker stated City Engineer Mahan and Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick reviewed the bids. They recommend accepting the Midwest Paving bid of \$2,169,769.69. Councilman Kring motioned to award the bid for the CCMG 2025-1 to Midwest Paving, seconded by Board Member Ehman, with all in favor.

#### New Business:

CCMG 2024.1 – Change Order Summary: Mayor Schmicker stated we need to approve the Change Order for CCMG 2024.1. Board Member Ehman asked about the completion of the project. Superintendent Dietrick stated they just started the water main today, which should take about a month, then shortly after that, they will begin paving. It was questioned about the bridge joint being completed on the change order. Dietrick advised that it was completed. Member Ehman stated that the bridge joint on SR19 needs to be examined. Councilman Kring motioned to accept the Change Order for CCMG 2024.1, seconded by Board Member Ehman, with all in favor.

Salvation Army – City Parking Lot (Court St.) 5-17-25 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Ron Hinshaw: Mr. Hinshaw stated the National Salvation Army Week is May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>, and we would like to have a Food Drive in the City Parking Lot on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Clark commented not to forget about the Farmers Market. Councilman Kring motioned to allow The Salvation Army to use the City Parking lot on May 17, 2025, seconded by Board Member Ehman, with all in favor.

Jack Wagons Car Club – Street Closure – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brian Roberts: Mr. Roberts stated they would like Court Street closed off from Jefferson Street to Madison Street. They would put food trucks on Madison Street so we can accommodate everybody. We would use Court Street, the County Parking lot, and the

green space. Councilman Ehman asked if they want to use the stage, they must contact Tipton Main Street. Mr. Roberts stated that we will use our own, we will use the green space for our music, and not the stage. Councilman Kring motioned to approve the street closure for Jack Wagons on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 3<sup>rd</sup>, seconded by Board Member Ehman, with all in favor. There was a discussion about the bathrooms at the Courthouse, which will not be available for events downtown. What are some other options?

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Schmicker stated he had nothing for today but would give an update at the Council meeting.

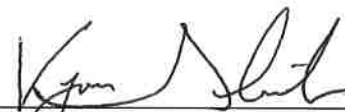
**Fire:** Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the March monthly report. There were no questions. He commented that the Department attended the County-wide Safety Fair this past Saturday. Chief Bitner stated he received two quotes for replacing the concrete grassy wall. One was \$10,500 and the other was \$6,500. We will move forward with the \$6,500 quote. A member asked where is this in your budget. Chief Bitner stated improvements and repairs to building lines 432 and 433. Mayor Schmicker asked if there were any concerns. Member Ehman stated no, if it's in his budget. Chief Bitner commented that some members have expressed interest in paramedic school. He also commented that we had a new hire agreement with Mayor Dolezal. We could have a contract with the paramedics so that if they left within the first five years, they would have to pay it back. The amount would be depreciated over the five years. The online tuition is nine to ten thousand, and the clinicals are paid for. Board Member Ehman asked how many are interested. Chief Bitner stated he had at least one, but he had some that had prior interest. He also stated that the Department participated in the Child Abuse Awareness kick-off. Chief Bitner commented the TFD hosted District 6 meeting with other Departments within the District. He also commented that two guys will complete the EMT certs next month, and then they will just need the Fire Certs. Chief Bitner stated that a light-duty policy was discussed at the district meeting. This is when someone has lifting restrictions, and we can have them do inspections and pre-plans. If they have limited duty, they could drive the truck and pumper. He also stated he would not do the limited duty, but would be interested in the light-duty restriction. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated she believes that Deputy Ramsey was working with IPEP on something like this for Police and Fire. She was trying to set up that meeting with the Police and Fire. Councilman Kring stated we don't want firefighters to use sick days for work-related injuries. Member Ehman stated that if they did light duty, would there be enough to keep them busy? Chief Bitner stated they would do pre-plans and inspections for every business, and then they would enter the information into the computer after it was done. He also stated that there have been discussions regarding BLS Services in the County and a call for ALS Intercept. Chief Bitner stated Med Bill had a basic generic Intercept Service Agreement that Captain Moss and himself have reviewed. There was a brief discussion about this service.

Police: Chief Stout handed out his stats for March and stated the call volume has doubled. The guys have been active. He commented that they are in the background phase of the hiring process. We have two males and one female, and one of the applicants will turn 21 next month. Chief Stout stated that the wrecked car with Officer Tipton should be fixable. He also stated we have secured the newest car, which replaces the totaled car at the end of 2024. He also stated he has been trying to get hold of the Enterprise Representative and a few others, and we are not getting a response. Mayor Schmicker stated the representative had back surgery and had a setback; try contacting him on Friday. Chief Stout commented that Officer Ludvigsen completed his first year on March 10<sup>th</sup> and is out of his probationary status. The Community Service Officer is on maternity leave for six weeks. He also commented that the Department participated in the Safety Fair last weekend. The FOP fundraiser was done in-house, and we rented the venue, calculated the money, and made a good profit. Tim's 1 donated a lot of door prizes. Officer Nunemacher and Asst. Chief Lacy handles this fundraiser, and they do a great job. Councilman Kring stated there have been a few more officers downtown, which he appreciates. Councilman Kring asked if the Pitman Schedule was still working out. Chief Stout stated yes, he feels it's doing okay. He also stated he would get in touch with Clerk-Treasurer Clark on interviews.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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President, Board of Public Works and Safety