

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on April 28, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Rob Cochrane III, Roberta Heinzmann, Mike Bollman, Matt Quigley, Elsie Smith, Bob Edinger, Dylan Dietrick, Andi Pumphrey, and Joe VanBibber.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the April 14, 2025, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amenda Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the April 28, 2025, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

Tipton Partnership Initiative: Nothing to report.

Solid Waste District Board: It was reported that they had their annual SBOA meeting and were debriefed on the yearly audit.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: Mayor Schmicker stated they are meeting on an as-needed basis. The stop signs have been installed, and the alleys are being maintained as time allows. He also noted the curbs are being painted downtown.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw commented the meeting was cancelled.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated that the April 21, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also stated they had their monthly safety meeting. It was well attended by the City and the Utility. Councilman Rippy commented that the sandblasting and painting of the water tower will begin. Councilman Richards asked if they could get a picture of what the water tower will look like after being painted. It was stated that Jim Ankrum was appointed to be IMPA Commissioner by TMU. The Council will also have to appoint him, but that will not be until the June meeting. IMPA Commissioner Klein's last meeting at IMPA will be in May.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker commented that the Youth Council reported on their projects. He also commented that he was impressed with the outcome and the impact on their fellow students and cases with DCS. He will present more information to the Council, just debriefing on what those projects were and their impact.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated he had a small round table discussion with Senator Todd Young. He discussed some of the priorities and initiatives at the federal level and how even the State of Indiana and Tipton might be able to get engaged with some of the priorities specific to the Senator. He also stated he was fortunate to host Governor Mike Braun last Wednesday; he took him on a quick tour of downtown, and then wrapped up discussing some economic development opportunities, as it coincides with some of the initiatives at the state level. Mayor Schmicker commented that Councilman Kring brought up the bid from Midwest Paving for the CCMG 2025. It came in under budget, which is positive for us. It keeps Midwest here in town, which is probably why it came in under bid. It will continue the successful stormwater initiative to ensure we are draining some of our southern quadrants of the City. He also gave a project update on the CCMG 2024 project - West Street. They are starting the water main project today, moving hydrants from the east side to the west side. Mayor Schmicker said we are planning a ribbon cutting for the new park equipment and the trail extension. He also said it would be after they install the ADA Seesaw in mid to late May. Mayor Schmicker commented on the LPA 2028 Reconstruction. We were given notice from the project coordinator that we need a pedestrian detour that will go down West Street, and it will go down Madison Street. They had to meet ADA accessibility standards. Several issues along Washington and Madison need to be addressed. He is working collaboratively with Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick to create solutions. We don't want to put this off until 2028. He also commented that he brought up redistricting for the City of Tipton at the last Council meeting. This is a requirement because of the State Statute, and we have to have this completed by the end of June 2025. The maps have been completed, and he gives big kudos to Administrative Assistant, Jenny Frodge, who has done all that work checking the census blocks, verifying that each precinct is within that 10 percent. Right now, this process is getting verified by the party chairs, both the Republican and Democratic chairs. Once this is verified, we will work with our Legal Counsel, Matt Quigley, to draft an ordinance to confirm that the Council will get presented probably in the second meeting of May, and finalize the first meeting in June.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Ordinance 2025-04 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton Providing That The Text Of The Zoning Ordinance Be Amended, Ordinance 2010-03 Article Two – Definitions- 2nd & Final Reading: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 202-04 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-05 – An Ordinance Amending The Motor Vehicle And Traffic Code Of The City Of Tipton To Allow The Limited Operation Of Golf Carts On City Streets – 2nd & Final Reading. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-05 on second

and final reading. Ordinance 2025-05 was passed on second and final reading with Councilman Richards, Rippy, and Kring in favor. Councilman Vautaw voted against it.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 178604-179260 for \$1,031,705.82, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated this is just a formality, Ken Ehman is no longer on the City Council but has been appointed to the BOW. The Republican Party is doing Ken's replacement tomorrow.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Councilman Rippy stated it was good to see Bob Edinger back.

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Tipton, commented that she was interested in the Cemetery Board. However, she was told that she could not be on the Cemetery Board because she owned a plot in the Catholic Cemetery and not Fairview. Councilman Rippy stated that Ms. Pumphrey has said the dandelions are bad at the pond on Wilson Street. Can the City spray them?

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann, Tipton, asked if there was any movement on the old jail. Mayor Schmicker stated that we are still working to partner with the County to redevelop it. She also asked about the Public Safety Building. Mayor Schmicker noted that we are figuring out the delivery method. Either design to build, construction manager, or build, operate & transfer. We are hoping to bid out in early September. Ms. Heinzmann asked about the baseball project. Mayor Schmicker stated he is having good conversations right now with the School Corporation, nearing a point where we have a rough order of magnitude: a budget estimate from an engineer's drawing of some conceptual ideas. The next step is to meet in the next two weeks with the stakeholders, Tipton Baseball League, Tipton Softball, we had Soccer in our December meeting, and the School Corporation to discuss those renderings. Then highlight the rendering that we then move on to bidding. If everything goes smoothly, we could have this out for bid in the next two to three months, which would be his expectation. Heinzmann asked if that would be in the same area. Mayor Schmicker stated that we likely have some details that haven't been confirmed yet, but we have been having some productive conversations with the School Corporation, and we remain hopeful for that. Ms. Heinzmann wanted to thank whoever; she loves the street signs. Are you replacing all the street signs in town? It would seem so, but not yet. Heinzmann asked how many firefighters we are down and how many police officers we are down, if any? Councilman Kring stated we are fully staffed on Fire and one short on Police. The Paramedics are all good. He also stated that Chief Stout stated the Pitman schedule is working. The officers like it, and it seems to be more effective.

Councilman Kring stated Mayor, you did say that eventually Midwest will pave a little bit north and south on the intersections. Mayor Schmicker stated yes that work is contingent on,

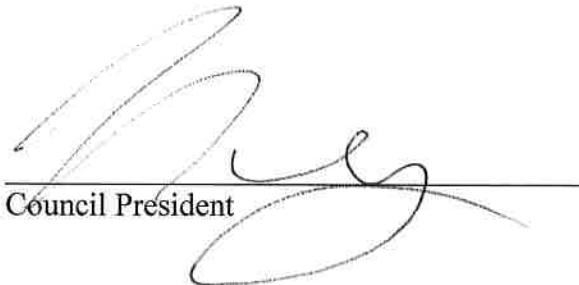
and INDOT just put out a notice today that they will be starting that work on East 28 east of McDonald's and over by DeLong's. That work will coincide with that project.

Adjournment: Councilman Rippey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President