

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on June 9, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Clerk-Treasurer Clark, Councilmen Vautaw, VanBibber, Richards, and Rippy. Mayor Schmicker and Councilman Kring were not present.

Others: Elsie Smith, Rob Cochrane III, Mike Bollman, Andi Pumphrey, Matt Quigley, Jim Ankrum, Dick Klein, Riley Hardin, and Bob Edinger.

Clerk-Treasurer Clark opened June 9, 2025, Council meeting.

Councilman VanBibber stated due to the unavailability of the Mayor and the Council President at this evening's meeting; he moved to have Councilman Rippy preside over the meeting, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Richards made a motion to approve May 27, 2025, Council minutes as submitted, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Rippy stated there was no meeting.

Cemetery: Councilman Vautaw stated there was no meeting, but the report is in your packet.

Park Board: Councilman Richards commented there have been problems with vandalism with the restrooms in the park, and kids are doing the vandalism. The first concert in the park is Saturday. He also commented they put rubber mulch in the tot lot. Councilman Richards stated the pump is fixed on the splash pad. He also noted the Golf Dept. has not been coming to the Park Board meetings, and they are requesting that they attend.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated June 2, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also highlighted a few items in the minutes. Councilman Rippy also noted the West Water Tower Tipton Logo is nice.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-08 – A Resolution Appointing A New Commissioner To The Indiana Municipal Power Agency: Councilman Rippy stated this Resolution is to appoint Jim Ankrum, Dick Klein is retiring. Mr. Ankrum stated he would accept this appointment. Mr. Dick Klein

stated the last four years, Mr. Ankrum has accompanied him and will be a perfect fit. Councilman Vautaw stated Mr. Klein had four years to groom him. Councilman Richards thanked Klein for all his service. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08, seconded by Councilman VanBibber. Resolution 2025-08 was passed with Councilman Vautaw, VanBibber, and Richards in favor. Councilman Rippy did not vote.

Ordinance 2025-07 – An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Tipton, Indiana, Changing Existing City Council Districts In The City Of Tipton Based Upon Population As Determined By The Year 2020 United States Census Count And Using A Good Faith Effort So That Each District Is Composed Of Contiguous Territory, Is Reasonably Compact, Does Not Cross Precinct Boundaries Within The Corporate Limits, And Is As Equal In Population As Possible: Councilman Rippy stated this is for second and final reading. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. Ordinance 2025-07 was passed with Councilman Vautaw, VanBibber, and Richards in favor. Councilman Rippy did not vote.

Claims: Councilman VanBibber made a motion to approve claims 179034-179622 for \$4,581,087.33, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. The claims were approved, and Councilman Vautaw, VanBibber, and Richards were in favor. Councilman Rippy did not vote.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Tipton, advised the Council that the city needs additional handicap spots, but nothing has been done. They painted white where the yellow had been painted. The accessible parking spaces need to be reviewed and addressed. She said you won't have any answers to the following subject, but you should research it. At the end of the courthouse ramp, there is a Westfield police officer parked there. Councilman Vautaw stated he's a Court Officer. Pumphrey asked why not a City Officer. That would be extra income; officers leave because they are not paid enough. Councilman VanBibber stated it is out of our hands that the Court handles it. Pumphrey stated you should work with the Commissioners and Judge. Ms. Humphrey commented that the Planning Commission screwed up terribly on HP Alloys. They were to raise the ground and plant trees and shrubs so the neighbors didn't have to see that in their backyard.

Mr. Bob Edinger Tipton congratulated Mr. Ankrum on the new appointment, saying that he has big shoes to follow. He also thanked Mr. Klein for all his service from Day 1. You had 17 years on the Utility Board; thanks for all your help to me.

Councilman Richards stated Mr. Rob Cochrane III commented that they would be hanging the sign for the Campbell Family Foundation Stage this week. He also advised me that the ribbon cutting and kick-off to the summer events is on Friday, from 5-8 p.m. Councilman

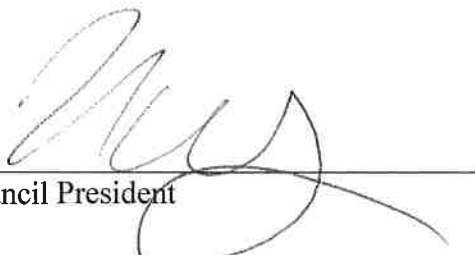
Vautaw stated this is a big event and will start at 5 p.m. He also noted there will be an adult bounce house as well.

Councilman Richards congratulated Mr. Ankrum and stated it was well deserved.

Adjournment: Councilman Richards motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman VanBibber, with Councilman Vautaw, VanBibber, and Richards in favor. Councilman Rippey did not vote.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President