

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

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

Others: Andi Pumphrey, Dylan Dietrick, Mike Bollman, Elsa Smith, David Brown, Rob Cochrane III, Matt Quigley, Bob Edinger, and Roberta Heinzmann.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Councilman Kring made a motion to add Animal Service Control Contract under New Business, and the other item he will discuss under comments, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

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

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman VanBibber stated there was no meeting.

Tipton Partnership Initiative: Mayor Schmicker noted that no meeting was held.

Solid Waste District Board: Mayor Schmicker stated Angela Shelton is the new Executive Director. She is working on replying to the SBOA, and getting acclimated to address the other issues and get the property cleaned up.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw stated the meeting was canceled.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated that the July 21, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He provided updates on the projects the Utilities are currently working on.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker stated that the Youth Council will resume once school starts.

New Business:

Animal Control Contract: Councilman Kring noted that we have only budgeted \$25,000 for this year, whereas the contract for last year totaled \$28,000. The Humane Society Board is okay with changing the payout from \$ 28,000 to \$ 25,000. Councilman Kring made a motion to allow Kring to execute the changes to the 2025 Contract for Animal Service, and to sign the contract, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker provided an update on the following projects: Baseball Project scope and permits. The Street Dept. is laying liquid asphalt on North Street between Main and East, and Washington Street between Green and West to help extend the life cycle of roads. The Public Safety Building will be bid out in the next 30 days, and we will open the bids at the first BOW meeting in September.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-10 – A Preliminary Resolution Declaring An Economic Development Revitalization Area And Supporting A Property Tax Abatement For DMT Capital LLC-S Within The City Of Tipton Corporate Limits: Mayor Schmicker stated this is a three-year abatement at 100%, 66% and 33 %. He also noted the expectations given to them that the project needed to begin by the first of the year and be finished by Labor Day of 2026. Councilman Richards voiced his concerns regarding the abatement of commercial property that generates revenue. Councilman Kring gave a brief explanation of the abatement process. Councilman VanBibber asked if the schedule was in the resolution and if the Planning Commission approved it. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the schedule is in the final resolution. Mayor Schmicker stated yes, and so did the BZA. There was a brief discussion about the current property and its future. Councilman Vautaw stated that we need housing. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10, seconded by Councilman VanBibber. Resolution 2025-10 was approved by Councilman Vautaw, VanBibber, Kring, and Rippy. Councilman Richards voted against.

Ordinance 2025-08 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton Amending Appendix A, Schedule Of Fees, Under The Category Of Buildings, Charged By The Tipton City Plan Commission Under Authority Of Chapter Four, Buildings And Building Regulations, And Procedures Of The Tipton City Plan Commission And Board Of Zoning Appeals: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-08 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-09 – An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Tipton, Indiana to Become A Member Of The Central Indiana Regional Development Authority Pursuant To Indiana Code 36.7.7 et.seq.: Mayor Schmicker acknowledges our growth will come from the South, but we don't have any say because we are currently not a member. If we become a member of CIRDA, then we will have a seat at the table to help with future projects. It was mentioned that Elwood, Bargersville, and Greenfield are members. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-09 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 179765-180058 for \$672,600.45, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman VanBibber asked when the City joined PERF, last year? The Mayor said for Civilian PERF, it started this year at 11.2 percent.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Tipton, inquired about HP Alloys' failure to complete the driveway. She also stated she is a chronic complainer, but there is no mechanism for follow-ups. Pumphrey commented that she doesn't expect an answer the same day, but she would like an answer. She also asked when the old FMC building is getting cleaned up. Mayor Schmicker stated he just had a conversation about this recently, and he will contact the property owner and find out the following steps for remediation. Pumphrey asked about the handicap parking at Northside Café and other handicap parking. Mayor Schmicker stated we had to remove one of the handicap spots because it violated the City's ordinance, which requires it to be 30 feet from a stop sign. He also stated that regarding the other handicap spots, we didn't have the blue paint to finish the job.

Councilman Richards commented that the Pork Festival has a new Board, and they are doing a great job. He also commented that they need volunteer help.


Mr. Bob Edinger said thank you for the action on the ball fields. This is a great accomplishment. He also stated he appreciates what the Mayor has done to get to this stage.


Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked if the microphones could be moved closer, because sometimes it is hard to hear. Councilman VanBibber stated she has a valid point.

Councilman Kring stated that all of the Council has met with Mayor Schmicker regarding the trash data that Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick submitted. The trash rate hasn't changed since 2021, when it was increased to \$15. Councilman Kring commented that we are losing money for trash/recycling/yard waste. We need to look at raising the monthly fee. There was a brief discussion regarding the trash truck and pricing. Kring stated that we will discuss this at the Council Workshop.

Adjournment: Councilman Rippy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President