

City of Tipton Common Council Budget Workshop was held on September 8, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dylan Dietrick, Mike Bollman, Roberta Heinzmann, Rob Cochrane III, Matt Quigley, and Elsa Smith.

Mayor Schmicker stated this is the budget workshop for 2026. These numbers are what were entered in Gateway. They are the large numbers that the Dept. Heads turned in. These are the highest numbers they could be. He also stated that with the reduction in revenues from SEA 1, we are trying to get creative with some of the budgets.

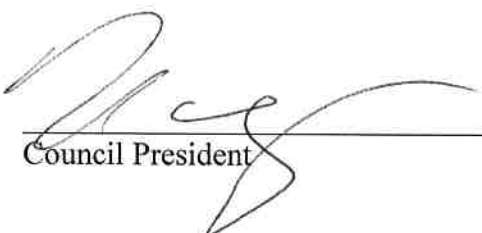
The Clerk-Treasurer explained Form 3, Form 2, Form 1, and Form 4 B. She also explained that the Public Hearing will be held during the 5:30 Council meeting, the first reading on the 2026 budget will be at the next Council meeting, and the Adoption of the 2026 Budget will be on October 13, 2025, at the Council meeting.

There was discussion about staffing within the City and percentage pay increases. We are looking at the COLA adjustment, the federal is a 2.5 to 3% COLA adjustment and the City is looking at 2.5%. There was some discussion regarding using other funds to help offset the General Fund. Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer also explained that the City could adopt a wheel tax on top of the allowance we receive from the County. This would be for next year if we go that route.

Mayor Schmicker closed the budget workshop.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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