

City of Tipton Common Council meeting 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, Bob Edinger, and Elsa Smith.

Mayor Schmicker opened September 8, 2025, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the August 25, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the September 8, 2025, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Vautaw stated there was no meeting, but we had one burial, two lots sold for \$2,400. He also stated we should be getting a John Deere mower delivered in January. Councilman Rippy asked if there is a full Board. Councilman Vautaw stated no, we are missing one. Councilman Kring and Mayor Schmicker discussed if the appointment was the Mayor or Council. Mayor Schmicker commented the requirements are you must own a lot in Fairview, and it can't be St. John's Cemetery.

Park Board: It was stated the meeting was canceled because there was not a quorum.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented that the September 2, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also commented on the ribbon cutting for the REDI project which will be on September 16th at 2 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2026 Budget: Councilman Kring made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2026 Budget, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Mayor Schmicker stated the General Fund estimate in Gateway is \$10,072,692, this is the maximum the City can work with. These numbers will be reduced. Mayor Schmicker asked if there were any questions from the public. There were no comments. Councilman Richards made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker gave an update on the Public Safety Building, Safe Streets for All Grant, applied for a grant through Build America Bureau, an IDEM grant for yard waste, and the Sagamore Grant – Goldsmith Prize in which Tipton was one of the top three finalist. The West Street project is about to close out and the East Street project is going smoother than the West Street Project.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-14 A Resolution To Transfer Within The Edit Fund The Following

Appropriations: Mayor Schmicker stated we are transferring \$130,000 from Parks and Recreation to Professional Services. He also stated this will help with the fees for moving the initiative of the Planning Dept. forward. Councilman Kring asked if the CIP Plan needs to be updated. Mayor Schmicker stated yes, every two years, it's the even numbers when they are due. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2025-15 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following

Appropriations – Sanitation Budget: Mayor Schmicker commented this transfer is specific to the repairs on the trash trucks. This transfers \$10,000 from Gasoline to Repair Equipment. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-10 – An Ordinance To Repeal Chapter 6 Of The City Of Tipton Municipal Code, Ordinance 2021-04, And To Adopt A Revised Version Of Chapter 6 Of The City Of Tipton Municipal Code (Garbage and Trash): Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-10, on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 179926-180403 for \$4,450,240.29, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. The claims passed with Councilmen Vautaw, VanBibber, Richards, and Rippy in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Councilman Kring stated the Animal Service Contract has been updated, and we are waiting for the signed copy back from the Humane Society.

Councilman Richards commented that the Street Department did a great job on the Pork Festival. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated that three of them were Park employees.

Mr. Rob Cochrane III, President of Tipton Main Street Association, stated the next event is October 4, 2025, from 6-10 p.m. on the Campbell Family Stage. He advised it is a free concert by Graveyard Stompers. Cochrane stated that they launched their new website. They received grant funding from Tipton County Foundation, and built a new, modern updated website, the website is tiptonmainstreetassociation.com. The Office of Community & Rural Affairs, OCRA, is hosting an Indiana Main Street 40th Anniversary

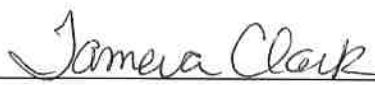
Celebration on November 6, 2025. Tipton Main Street Association will be formally recognized as a newly designated Indiana-accredited Main Street organization during the ceremony. Cochrane invited Mayor Schmicker and Council President Kring to attend as representatives for the City. The Main Street Association has also been nominated for the Luminary Award for exceptional achievement for Project Rosebud. Mr. Cochrane thanked the Dept. Heads (Park, Street, Police, and Fire), the downtown area was very active this weekend. It was a great experience, and the Dept. Heads and Pork Festival Committee had a large role in that and did a great job. He also stated Main Street is raising funds through business sponsorships and increasing private funding.

Councilman Vautaw gave a shout-out to the three Park employees and one Street employee. They did a phenomenal job.

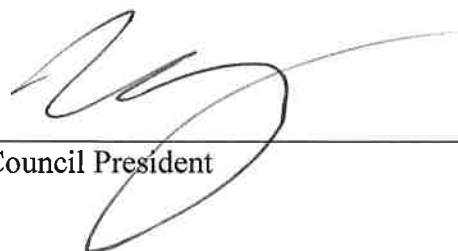
Ms. Roberta Heinzmann, Tipton, asked if the Arts Commission has a building to meet in. Mayor Schmicker stated there was no place to house. They have meetings at the library. She commented that she has no complaints about the Street Dept., but she was amazed and confused that extra trash pickup is only \$35. Councilman Richards stated that it goes up to \$40 for a dump truck load of extra trash. He also stated he wishes everyone would have their extra trash picked up. Ms. Heinzmann asked about the trail and the drainage out by the daycare. Councilman Vautaw stated the County is working on that. Mayor Schmicker stated they are waiting for the test results. There was a brief discussion regarding this, and it was stated that IDEM is involved and is on top of it. Mayor Schmicker stated Matt Smith, with Strand Associates, gave a presentation to the Commissioners on connecting the daycare to the City Sewer. Ms. Heinzmann stated she is disappointed with the Board's attendance at the Park Board; they have had one meeting. Mayor Schmicker stated he will be addressing the continued absences. Ms. Heinzmann asked about the 700 Dearborn, it's a weed field and tire storage. Mayor Schmicker stated we are looking back and going to get contact information for the property owner. We want to find out where they are, and if they have done all they can do.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President