

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on October 27th, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ramsey, Councilmen Vautaw, VanBibber, and Richards were present, and Councilmen Kring, and Rippy were absent

Others: Mike Bollman, Rob Cochrane III, Bob Edinger, Quigley, Roberta Heinzman, and Abby Ripberger.

Mayor Schmicker opened the October 27, 2025, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the October 13, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Workshop Meeting Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the October 13, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Mayor Schmicker reported on the October 13th, 2025, BOW meeting.

DSW: Mayor Schmicker stated that the salary ordinance for solid waste was approved and that Angela is working with a group called Caldwell to clean up the facility and remove hazardous materials. She continues doing a great job cleaning up the facility and the processes to keep it operating smoothly.

SAS: The Committee has not met.

Planning: The Committee has not met.

Utility Bd: The October 20, 2025, Utility Board minutes are included in the Council packets.

Youth Council: They continue to work with the Shafer Leadership Academy. They are looking for members to join and have a panel as they enter their yearly activities, which include presenting their projects to the community or school. The panelists will judge those projects and presentations and provide feedback to the students as they head into the Spring semester.

New Business: TMSA-Rob Cockrane III presented the annual update and requested Edit funding for 2026. The city plays a vital role in revitalizing downtown Tipton. In 2025, TMSA achieved significant growth. He commented that they received the Indiana Accredited Main Street designation from Oprah and Indiana Main Street. It signifies that we are a "legit" main street organization and that we are verified. He stated they have a new redesigned website. He stated they have collaborated with other main street organizations. They hosted a walking tour for Zionsville's organization. Established a

grant sub-committee. He also noted that the 2nd Annual Halloween bash raised \$11,225.00, and the Economic Vitality Committee spearheaded Project Rosebud, which built the new stage. The Campbell family has secured a \$15,000.00, three-year naming rights sponsorship by the Campbell Family Foundation. The Campbell Family will provide vibrant programming and stewardship for this new asset for years to come. He also noted that they have secured an operating agreement with the Council that allows Main Street to bear the responsibility of maintaining the stage as well as all of the scheduling, and all of this was done at no cost to the taxpayers. He stated that the 2026 budget allocates more than \$ 24,000.00 to their core programming. No single donor or sponsor accounts for more than 25% of their projected revenue. He went on to state that the Board has decided to sunset the Hometown Hero banner program for 2026, and the City will have complete creative control over the downtown banner space. Looking ahead, TMSA requests the City's support in the same \$5000.00 for 2026. This would be allocated to the Tis the Season, Kickoff to Spring & Halloween Bash. Additionally, in 2026, TMSA will launch a new initiative called Tipton Creates. This is an initiative to provide opportunities for public art installations, performances, workshops, and other collaborative projects. They will conduct an RFP process to select an artist to lead the initiative in 2026. The initiative aims to position our downtown area as a model for small community revitalization through the arts. Significant challenges and projects require the City's urgent attention, such as overhead utility infrastructure, street lighting, and pedestrian amenities. Mr. Cochrane went on to say that he encourages the Council to make an effort to find collaborative and innovative solutions to tackle these issues and support the downtown, and that he is grateful to serve his community in this capacity.

Old Business: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated that the interior of the PSB is currently the focus. The bathrooms are being remodeled to help the fire department when they go on runs, allowing them to mitigate the carcinogens they naturally accumulate while fighting fires more quickly. A final walkthrough was conducted on West Street, and there are still areas that require attention. Work on East Street is ongoing, with the primary focus on paving the road, as well as completing the remaining work on Jackson and Independence. He also noted that DNR is working on their end to finalize the requirements regarding the trail project, and hopefully that will be done by the end of the year.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Ordinance 2025-15 for second and final reading. An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Tipton, Indiana, approving the issuance and sale of special taxing district bonds by the City, for and on behalf of the Park and Recreation District of the City, to provide for the financing of certain improvements to park facilities. Councilman Richards made a motion to table the ordinance until more board members were present, seconded by Councilman VanBibber; the motion carried. The Ordinance will be added to the November 10th agenda.

Claims: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve claims 180667 through 180759 in the amount of \$837,373.11, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments & Memorials:

Ms. Andi Pumphrey – 306 Rosie Street. Ms. Pumphrey stated that she feels Councilman Richards' business property needs to be cleaned up in the back. She knows he gives back to the community and is a good citizen. Councilman Richards said it gets pushed back for the fall season and should be gone in a couple of weeks.


Brandon Shackleford-215 North West St.-Mr. Shackleford stated that he also owns properties at 100, 102 & 104 Mill Street, as well as 451 North East Street and 419 East Jefferson Street. He is undertaking extensive renovations at 104 Mill Street, which will house two new office units and a third unit that will accommodate our personal business. Between his financial investments and raising a family, he has a significant stake in Tipton. Mr. Shackleford stated he was under the understanding that the façade grant was on hold and needed some clarification. Mayor Schmicker stated that it was not formally included in the 2026 budget. He stated that it would be temporarily sunset until funding or corrections could be made to build it back into that budget. Mr. Shackleford asked if there were any other buckets of money given to property owners who are working on renovations? Mayor Schmicker stated there were conversations earlier this year. We made it a point to avoid funding it through the façade, but it was an economic development agreement that came to us, so some funds weren't spent due to another initiative not getting off the ground. As a result, the money became available to do so. Mr. Shackleford asked if some of that money was dispersed. Mayor Schmicker said Correct. Mr. Shackleford asked if he knew the amounts. Mayor Schmicker stated that it would have been to the property on North Main, and he believes the amount was \$16,000.00. Mr. Shackleford asked how people become aware of these opportunities. Mayor Schmicker stated that the individual approached him, and they had a conversation before the project. They had purchased the property but hadn't fully scoped out the work that was going to be done, so it was more of a proactive approach. Mr. Shackleford stated that he will complete his projects one way or another but would appreciate any help he could receive from the City.

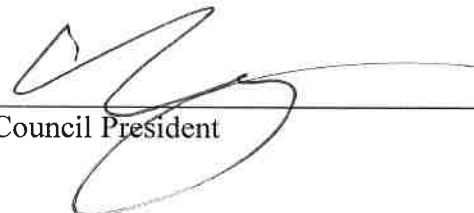
Abby Ripberger-134 Columbia Avenue-Ms. Ripberger stated that two Council meetings ago, the Council mentioned that there were approximately 30 days to submit the paperwork for the baseball fields, after which a 90-day process would begin, putting us in the Spring. Mayor Schmicker stated it was 30 or 45 days, so that it would put it in the first week or two of November.

Bob Edinger-321A South West St.-Mr. Edinger wanted to acknowledge the loss of Dave Quigley, who was very active in many capacities in the past.

Adjournment: Councilman Richards made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President