

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on November 10, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Matt Quigley, Justin Chang with Reedy, Steve Unger with Bose, McKinney, & Evans, Elsa Smith, Andi Pumphrey, Mike Bollman, Abby Ripberger, Bob Edinger, Brandon Shackelford, and Ron Sowders with Ron's Town Car.

Mayor Schmicker opened the November 10, 2025, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the October 27, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the November 10, 2025, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Vautaw stated that there was no quorum.

Park: Councilman Richards commented that he was on vacation. Mayor Schmicker stated they had a general discussion. They acted on the Park District Bond at the prior meeting.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated that the November 3, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also stated that Krohn & Associates would be doing a cost study of water and wastewater. Councilman Rippy commented that Dick Klein was recognized on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and has since passed away.

New Business:

2026 Holiday Schedule: Mayor Schmicker stated there are no material changes. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated the Planning Commission will have a presentation on the UDO (Unified Development Ordinance). This has been a work in progress with Committee discussion; they have done a fantastic job. He also gave an update on the baseball project, stating that the DNR application will be submitted this week. Mayor Schmicker commented that the Project Team is working on the specifications to prepare them for the Build, Operate, & Transfer process. He also commented that Hearn Construction is doing an outstanding job on the PSB. The communication was excellent.

Mayor Schmicker gave a brief update on yard waste collection and the IDEM application for yard waste toters.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-28 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations – Sanitation Budget: Mayor Schmicker stated the transfer amount is \$3,100. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-28, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2025-29 – A Resolution To Transfer From The General Fund Cash Balance To The Rainy Day Fund Cash Balance: Mayor Schmicker commented that the amount is \$100,000. Councilman VanBibber asked about the Rainy Day balance. Councilman Kring stated \$445,019.61. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-29, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Resolution 2025-30 – A Resolution To Create Line 413 Land Improvement And Transfer Within The MVH Fund The Following Appropriations: Mayor Schmicker stated this is for the salt storage. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mayor Schmicker stated that there are productive efforts with County Highway and the Commissioners, and we are working on a partnership for the salt storage effort.

Ordinance 2025-15 – 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 asked if the bond was for 1.4 million or 750K and what was the projects. It was stated that the bond is \$750K. This will allow us to improve ADA Compliance and accessibility of driveways and parking lots in the Park. The Park Board will prioritize based on the 5-Year Master Plan for the Park area. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 180760-180797 A for \$3,939,186.44, claims 180712, 180760-180797B, 180798-180844 for \$1,154,305.08, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. The claims were passed with Councilmen Vautaw, VanBibber, Richards, and Rippy in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Councilman Kring stated that Cubs fan, Dick Klein, Emeritus Utility Board Member, will be missed. He also stated Mr. David Quigley was a great mentor to us. He offered condolences to their families.

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Tipton, stated that there is furniture sitting out at 409 Wilson Street. It has been out there for three weeks. She then asked Councilman Richards how far he is on

getting his business property cleaned up. Councilman Richards stated  $\frac{3}{4}$  way through. The question was asked if there was a tag on that junk. Ms. Pumphrey stated if the trash guys see it, why don't they say something.

Mr. Mike Bollman stated that if the work sessions are not going to be regularly scheduled, can we post them online on tipton.gov so we know when the work sessions are? He also stated, "Please come to the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday."

Mr. Ron Sowders, of Ron's Taxi Service, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the taxi ordinance and the letters he had received from the current and previous Mayors. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ordinance. Councilman Kring stated that many of our ordinances are outdated, but we can review them, appeal them, revise them to make them more straightforward, or do nothing. Councilman VanBibber asked for a copy of the taxi ordinance. It was from 1973, and it is online.


Mr. Brandon Shackelford of Tipton asked about the Façade Grant Program. He had asked the Mayor some questions about the façade grant process and who approves the application. Mr. Shackelford stated he felt this process was very selective and that it wasn't right. Anybody who is fully invested in the City should have access. Councilman VanBibber stated that anybody can apply for Edit money. The Executive controls the money, and it is the Executive's responsibility to spend it. Mr. Shackelford stated he would be interested in an application for a façade grant.

Ms. Abby Ripberger, Tipton, commented that she received a façade grant, which was extremely helpful. She also commented that she understands there are only so many dollars, and that we need to make the best use of them. Ms. Ripberger stated that what Mr. Shackelford said is true; it's like a secret about the program. She also noted the Tipton Main Street Association is part of the approval committee. There was a brief discussion regarding the downtown revitalization program, the money spent, and the contract with PAGO.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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Council President