

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on November 24, 2025, at Tipton City Hall Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Clerk-Treasurer Clark, Councilmen Vautaw, VanBibber, Kring, and Rippy. Councilman Richards was not present.

Others: Mike Bollman, Andi Pumphrey, Matt Quigley, Rob Cochrane III, and Bob Edinger.

Mayor Schmicker opened the November 24, 2025, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the November 10, 2025, Council Work Session, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the November 10, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the November 24, 2025, BOW meeting.

GAC: Nothing to report.

Solid Waste District Board: Mayor Schmicker commented that it was regular business. Director Shelton is cleaning up the facility. We also applied for a grant for yard waste collections.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: Nothing to report.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw stated the Planning Commission met on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. There was a lengthy discussion on the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented that the November 17, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also commented that Krohn & Associates provided feedback on the rates and potential rate adjustments for Water and Wastewater. Councilman Rippy stated that the County could approve a new Speedway Gas Station located directly west of Love's.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker gave an update on the Youth Council management projects.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated that some of the tree grates have been removed from uptown, and concrete has been poured. This is for the time being, and nothing is permanent along 28 (Jefferson Street. He also stated that the DNR Permit application has

been submitted and that we are awaiting approval. We are staying in contact with DNR. Mayor Schmicker commented that there was a meeting with Shrewsberry Engineer and INDOT regarding the roundabout at Park Road and SR 19. The project is set to begin in 2031; they are currently investing in conversations. He also commented that the RD District and Park Bonds have been closed. Some of the proceeds from the RD bond will be used to purchase the County's property interest for the Industrial expansion. Mayor Schmicker stated that joint training is underway for the City and County on the new brine machine. This machine allows us to control brine production. He also said that Caldwell Inc. is working on yard-waste mitigation, which is approved by IDEM and would help at the Solid Waste facility.

**Resolutions & Ordinances:**

**Resolution 2025-31 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The LRS Fund The Following**

**Appropriations:** Mayor Schmicker stated this transfer is for \$8,500. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

**Resolution 2025-32 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following**

**Appropriations – Street Budget:** Mayor Schmicker commented that the transfer is for \$2,500. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-32, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

**Claims:** Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 180505-180989 for \$963,671.32, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

**Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:**

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Tipton, asked about the new gas lines on Main Street, who's responsible for fixing the street, the City or the gas company? Mayor Schmicker stated that communication with the gas company is not excellent, but the streets are to be returned to the condition they were found. She then asked if the garbage at Tim's 1 had been cleaned up. Ms. Pumphrey asked Councilman Rippy to look at it. Your Council seat is at large. She also stated she hears excuses; he had a month to clean it up. Councilman VanBibber noted the road is the same way on Berryman Pike. We should have a performance bond so the property is returned to the condition it was found in. There was a brief discussion about other streets that were closed due to the gas company. Councilman Vautaw stated Miller Pipeline is doing the work.

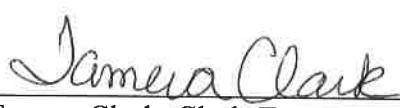
Councilman Vautaw stated kudos to Park Manager Tomlinson for the Christmas decorations in the Park. Ms. Pumphrey asked if Tomlinson could get one of the old police cars to drive for work.

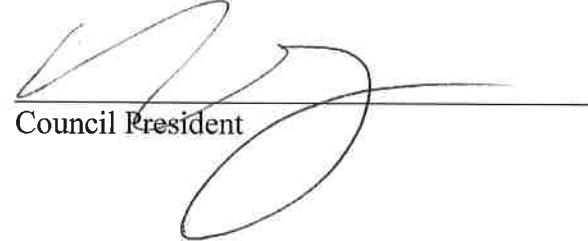
Mr. Bob Edinger of Tipton asked about the new Christmas Tree Downtown. He has heard several numbers on how much it costs, and he wanted to know for himself. Mayor Schmicker stated the tree was \$23,000, which varied by size (30 feet). The decoration package and

tree topper were \$7,000, for a total of \$30,250. There were additional costs for the pole lights and shipping, bringing the total to \$44,000- \$45,000. Mr. Edinger stated that the tree, the decorating package, and the tree topper were \$30,250. Mr. Edinger stated he also heard the tree at the park used to get decorated, but now it's not. Mayor Schmicker noted that the Fire/Electric Dept. put the lights on the tree at the Park. Councilman Vautaw stated that they add stuff in the Park, a local donor has donated a piece of decoration for the last couple of years. Mr. Edinger stated that we have two Christmas Trees. Mayor Schmicker commented that there was a meeting with INDOT, and the tree was discussed, and we advised them that the tree cannot be cut down. Ms. Pumphrey commented on food for thought: Maybe a community organization can decorate that tree.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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