

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on January 12, 2026, at Tipton City Hall Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Ken Ehman, Andi Pumphrey, Mike Bollman, Elsie Smith, Matt Quigley, Collin Huffines, Ross Schulenburg, and Bob Edinger.

Mayor Schmicker opened the January 12, 2026, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the December 22, 2025, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the January 12, 2026, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Vautaw commented that there was no meeting, but the Cemetery Report was in your packet.

Park Board: Mayor Schmicker stated there was no meeting, and the report is in your packet.

Utility Board: Mayor Schmicker commented that January 5, 2026, Utility Board minutes are enclosed.

New Business:

City Council Reorganization: Councilman Richards made a motion to nominate Nathan Kring as Council President, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. Councilman VanBibber made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. The motion to nominate Nathan Kring as Council President was approved by all. Mayor Schmicker congratulated Kring.

Mayor Appointments: Mayor Schmicker reviewed his appointment with the Council.

Council Appointments: Councilman Kring stated that Health Insurance is currently Joe VanBibber and Nathan Kring. Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Councilman VanBibber to the Health Insurance Committee, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Richards made a motion to appoint Councilman Kring to the Health Insurance Committee, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated the City RDC appointment is currently Greg Burton. Councilman Kring made a motion to reappoint Greg Burton the City RDC, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated we have an opening, you have to

live in the City limits and can't be on a Lucrative Board, School Board, or BZA. This opening is a replacement for Jason Armes. Councilman Kring stated the Tree Advisory Committee has a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 7 members. Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Dylan Dietrick to the Tree Committee, and Kegan Schmicker, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated next is the Public Building and Infrastructure Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Councilman Kring made a motion to reappoint Mayor Schmicker, and Cory Mahan, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Kring commented that the Building Inspector is not an elected officer. Mayor Schmicker stated that the next Building Commissioner will include being the building inspector. Councilman Kring stated do we want to retain a community member rather than an employee. Councilman Kring commented that the ARPA Committee is inactive. Next is the Tipton Public Arts Commission, he made a motion to reappoint Shelly Powell, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Park Board, Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Councilman Richards, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. GAC, Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Councilman VanBibber, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Cemetery Board, Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Councilman Vautaw, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated the priority will be the City RDC, Tree Committee, and possibly the Building Inspector. Councilman VanBibber stated there is no political affiliation on the RDC. Mayor Schmicker and Councilman Kring stated no.

Encumbrances 2025 to 2026: Mayor Schmicker stated these are invoice or purchase orders in 2025 but not paid yet. This will be money pulled from the 2025 budget. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the Encumbrances from 2025 to 2026 in the amount of \$502,134.49, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker commented that the Baseball DNR permit is on step 18 of 20. The permit has been in their possession for 56 days, and we remain hopeful we will hear in a few weeks that we've been approved for the construction permit. We received bids to get a guaranteed max price, which is part of that BOT process. We hope to have the numbers communicated to the Council by the next meeting. Work on the PSB continues. The roof on the apparatus bays is ongoing. They started on the windows; the front of the PD has been removed, and they are waiting for materials to come in for that. They are also working on the interior of the building. The estimated completion date is set for April, but it is dependent on the weather. Mayor Schmicker stated the work is going well between Hearn and the Departments. He also stated we have a considerable-sized sidewalk project at Main and Dearborn. Mayor Schmicker gave kudos to Municipal Service Superintendent Dietrick for scoping the project. This project is bigger because TMU is improving the facility along with the property owner of the Junction, Skip Gibbs. We are adding a grassy area as a utility buffer strip that is being continued from the next block. This will be buried infrastructure and the utility easement. Clerk-Treasurer Clark

stated that there will be a sidewalk with a grassy buffer. Mayor Schmicker gave an update on fleet management with Enterprise. He gave Clerk-Treasurer Clark kudos to encumber some 2025 monies to help offset some of the invoices for the fleet, which also frees up some of the 2026 monies.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2026-01 – A Resolution To Transfer Funds To County And Accept Certain Real Property From The County Of Tipton – Northgate Industrial Park: Mayor Schmicker stated the County has formally completed this transfer by Resolution. Councilman VanBibber made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01, seconded by Councilman Kring. Councilman Richards asked if this is City property, and how it is zoned. Mayor Schmicker stated yes, it is in City limits and is part of the City zoning. It was reported it is in the City TIF Allocation area and will be collected by TIF. It will be transferred to the Redevelopment Commission. Resolution 2026-01 was passed with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve claims 181289-181431 for \$5,635,599.73, seconded by Councilman Richards. The claims were passed with Councilman Vautaw, VanBibber, and Richards in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Mayor Schmicker introduced Collin Huffines, the new Director of Special Projects. Councilman Vautaw stated welcome to Tipton.

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