

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on August 27, 2018 at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Councilmen Curnutt, Morgan, Clark and Ogden and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Mayor Havens and Councilman Rippy were not present.

Others: Roberta Heinzmann, Lauren Allison, Emily Hunter, Taylor Irmeger, Alex Townsend, Meridian Stowers, Jason Henderson, Tipton Tribune - Vicky Boyd, Sherry Landseadel and Nate Kring.

Council President Ogden opened the August 27, 2018 Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Clark, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Curnutt reported from the August 27, 2018 BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Clark reported there was no meeting.

Goodwill: Councilman Clark reported there was no meeting.

DSW: Councilman Morgan reported he was unable to attend. He also reported the July 23, 2018 DSW minutes are enclosed.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk: Nothing to report.

Utility Board: Councilman Clark reported the August 20, 2018 Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported the West Wastewater Plant is functioning properly and will be monitored and tweaked over the next few weeks. Councilman Clark reported the south tank renovation is ahead of schedule. He also reported there will be some changes to the rate schedule for the West Plants. Councilman Clark reported Matt Smith with Strand Engineering brought the Board up to speed on the final portion of the Phase II LTCP Project. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$650,000 and those funds are already set aside as part of Phase II project. He also reported the Board agreed to go ahead as planned.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Tipton County Pork Festival: Councilman Curnutt reported the 50th Annual Pork Festival in the shadow of the Courthouse with Grandpa Cratchet, Branson, MO style music, Duke Tomato will open for the Wright Brothers. Saturday will be Bobby Miller (Michael

Jackson and Gladys Night Tribute). The Pork Festival is September 6th, 7th and 8th. Councilman Curnutt thanked the City of Tipton, Mayor Havens and all the Departments.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Nothing to report.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$623,624.58 to include claim numbers 160772-160854, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Ms. Vicky Boyd reported in a previous meeting the question was asked about the old Pioneer building and the cement blocks getting cleaned up. She also reported she talked to people and they said the cement blocks came from the City tennis courts and it was only for temporary time. Boyd asked if we done in research because half a dozen people that are longtime residents stated this. Councilman Curnutt reported he has been around since 1988 and they hadn't since then. Boyd reported Toby Pike Recycling in Kokomo grinds concrete to spread like gravel, it may be inexpensive. She also reported they ground into the dump truck and then hauled. Boyd reported hopefully it is less than \$300,000. It was reported the BOW received the most recent information, it was a hot topic with he BOW then it will go to the Council. The Planning Commission will be sending their recommendation.

Nate Kring of 125 N. Main Street, tax paying citizen, reported that property has a bigger issue. A blighted home are a function of local government and they are harming the right of the neighboring property owners. If the City did do it then they should fix it. If the property owner should fix the issue and if not, then they should be fined until they comply. Roberta Heinzmann reported Andrews was to clean up the property but there was nothing put in writing. Councilman Curnutt reported he was in front of the Planning Commission and it was verbal. Mr. Andrews helped move the approval along. They looked at it but it was not required.

Roberta Heinzmann, resident of the City, reported she gave a list of unsavory properties to our Planning Commission. Councilman Morgan reported it is a slow process. Heinzmann commented on North East Street (a burned home and is still standing there all boarded up). She also stated a property on Oak Street there are abandoned trailers, wood piled up and now there is a tarp on the roof. It is full of rodents. Councilman Curnutt reported as the Liaison of this Council he would get with the Planning Dept. and Legal Dept. to see if anything can be done quicker. Heinzmann reported if something can't be done quicker maybe we should add a next step to speed up the process. Councilman Curnutt reported he would check with Commissioner Niblick and City Attorney Quigley. Councilman Ogden reported the property on East Street he has brought to the Mayor's attention before. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked what the process is, how does it work, we have

house shortages, blighted properties if we done something with them then we could clean up some properties, so we would have empty lots for resale. Heinzmann stated she wasn't sure if these people pay taxes. Councilman Curnutt commented a lot of times they are paying taxes.

Jason Henderson, 225 W. Jackson, citizen, reported this item needs to be visited to expedite the process, a legislative approach and a process we use. He also reported there was a meeting we had with the adjoining Counties and Cities with the process they follow. There are ways to change, and release some of the controls we have. Henderson reported Nate King has documentation that we received on this topic.

Councilman Clark reported he spoke to Mayor, the Councilmembers and Clerk-Treasurer and he will be resigning from the Council. He also reported his wife and him are moving back to Northwest Indiana where they are originally from. Clark reported he will stay on as long as residency will allow to help with the Council meetings. It was stated we hate to lose you. Nate Kring asked Councilman Curnutt how will that work. Curnutt gave a brief explanation of the process as Republican Chair.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Morgan called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President