

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on April 22, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Kegan Schmicker, Megan Silvers, Mae Ogden, Noah Brandon, Nathaniel Dolin, Caleb Everling, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Steve Niblick, LaMonica Ogden, Dick Klein, Jeff Ogden, Justin Webster, Jeff Stout, Jason Henderson Robert Nunemacher, Jeffrey Ogden, Jason Anderson, Jordan Crane, Mike Kendall, Chris Shuler and several members of the Police and Fire Departments and their families.

Mayor Havens opened the April 22, 2019, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019, Council meeting without amendment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Councilman Morgan made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Councilman Ogden, with all in favor. Councilman Morgan made a motion to add Mark Baird to New Business, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

BOW: Councilman Curnutt reported from the April 22, 2019, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Chandler reported they might move the May meeting from Tuesday to Thursday. He also reported Golf Pro Bontrager stated we have had some good days and we are tracking ahead of last year. Chandler reported there are 80 trees and stumps removed. He also stated Golf Superintendent Talley has purchased some equipment for the Golf Course.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler reported the Committee met on Friday at Jim Dandy. We had a good exchange. Mayor Havens stated this is a City/County Joint Meeting, there is one Commissioner, two County Council, Cicero Township Trustee, two City Council, and the Mayor.

Solid Waste District: Mayor Havens commented that we receive the normal reports at the meeting.

Street, Alley and Sidewalk Committee: Mayor Havens reported the Committee is meeting this Thursday, April 25, 2019.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the April 15th Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported the Board approved the claims and charge offs. Chandler stated under Utility Manager Boyer's report they only received one proposal for the re-skinning of the storage building at the Electric Line Garage. Boyer contacted one of the other bidders and

they will be submitting a proposal in the next few days. The Board authorized Boyer to accept the best proposal not to exceed the current proposal of Altherr Construction. Chandler also reported that Boyer presented the 2018-line loss for the Electric Utility at 3.45%. This compares with a 3.70% loss in 2017 and is considered very good for an electric utility our size. Chandler reported IMPA Commissioner Dick Klein and Utility Manager Boyer attended the IMPA Annual Meeting on April 5th. Commissioner Klein passed out copies of the IMPA's Annual Report and stated it is a little more than just the annual report. Mayor Havens reported IMPA which is Indiana Association of Municipal Power Agency. There are 60 members from Indiana and one in Ohio. Klein reported the solar farm west side of town is one of IMPA's projects and Tipton will utilize it. Councilman Chandler reported May 17th is the tentative date for it to come online.

New Business:

Medal Presentation – Police/Fire – Jeff Ogden: Chief Ogden reported he wanted to recognize a few members. On February 9, 2019 TFD responded to a trailer fire with possible entrapment. Chief Ogden gave a summary of the trailer fire. He also read a letter from the victim, thanking them for not giving up. Chief Ogden wanted to recognize all that assisted with this fire. The teamwork, the dedication and them going beyond the call of duty is what makes them great public servants for the City of Tipton. Chief Ogden presented the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor (for the Actions above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind; or an unusual swiftness of action, regardless of our own personal safety, to save or protect human life) to Jeffrey Ogden, Jason Anderson and Jordan Crane. They were given a standing ovation. Chief Ogden presented the Public Safety Officer Medal of Distinguished Service (recognition for your outstanding dedication, service and scene management on a mobile home fire with entrapment, Feb. 9, 2019) to Mike Kendall. He was given a standing ovation. Chief Ogden presented Certificates of Appreciation (recognition for jumping in and doing what was asked of them during this operation without question. To the point of operating hand lines to try and help prevent the fire from spreading any further while firefighters were doing their search) to David Lacy (Accepting his award Asst. Chief Stout), Robert Nunemacher and Chris Shuler. They were given a standing ovation. Chief Ogden commented that this is not enough for what these guys do. Mayor Havens stated it was a privilege and honor being Mayor of the City of Tipton, we have strength and weaknesses, but the Police and Fire are a strength. We underappreciate the assets we have, young men and women, on the administrative side, the public safety folks, we have a lower level of problems than our neighboring communities.

Steven Thompson – Swimming Pool: Pool Manager reported he proposed the fee changes to the Park Board, and they recommended them to the Council. Thompson reported the opening day is Saturday, March 25th and closing day is Sunday, August 11th with the hours of operation being 12:00 noon to 7 p.m. The night swim hours went from Thursday to Wednesday 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. with the following Thursday make-up date. He also stated the general admission is \$2 per person, eliminating dollar days on Mondays and group

admission \$1 per person (Groups of 10+), night swim admission fee from \$1 to \$2. No changes for the passes or private party. Thompson reported programming the learn-to-swim would be provided by Power Aquatics Swim School the City of Tipton would receive \$15 per participant per session estimate of \$1500-\$2000/season. Power Aquatic Swim School provides insurance and instructor compensation. Aqua Zumba Instructor would be Angie Henry she runs it at the High School. The City of Tipton would receive \$2 per participant and it would be every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Kegan Schmicker – Sidewalk Program: Schmicker reported at the last meeting he advised he would be attending the next meeting with a proposal. He also reported he was tasked to review the program to improve it because in recent years it has declined participation. Schmicker stated the major change is the participation ratio going from 60/40 to 80/20. The target is for sidewalks that need to be repaired. He also reported there was a clause for new sidewalks, and we are doing away with it and it will be under the replacement sidewalks with an 80/20 ratio. The rest of the changes are aesthetic. Schmicker commented there is a loan forgiveness section. The program manager could present to the Board of Public Works the request for loan forgiveness of a property owner's loan if certain conditions are met. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated we need to approve the changes to the Sidewalk Program and then at the next meeting we will approve the resolution to include the Sidewalk Program. Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve the Sidewalk Improvement Program 2019, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor. Councilman Curnutt stated this is a very successful program to the community, hats off to those. Schmicker commented the participation for 15 years the sidewalk looks shows a quality program. Councilman Morgan called for the question. The Sidewalk Improvement Program 2019 was passed with all in favor. Thank you for the work you did.

Mark Baird – President Tipton County Foundation: Mr. Baird reported the Foundation is a charitable arm of the City of Tipton. He also stated they welcomed any comments to our programs, scholarships, Health and Community works, etc. Mr. Baird reported there is a program on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Tipton County Foundation they will be hosting Dr. Michael Hicks and Dr. David Terrill of Ball State University. They will give an overview of economic development and statistics in Tipton County. Baird reported we have invited the Commissioners, the City and County Council and School Board. We have our attributes and challenges of the County and this could be addressed. Councilman Curnutt complimented the Tipton County Foundation for the 20th year of contribution to the City Fireworks Sky Concert. You are the financial arm that can do for our community. Mayor Havens stated he appreciates all they can do for us.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Ordinance 2019-04 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton Providing That The Text Of The Zoning Ordinance Be Amended On The Downtown Overlay District: Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ogden, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2019-05 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton Amending Appendix A, Schedule Of Fees, Under The Category Of Buildings, Charged By The Tipton City Plan Commission Under Authority Of Chapter Four, Buildings and Building Regulations, And Procedures Of The Tipton City Plan Commission And Board Of Zoning Appeals: Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Mayor Havens stated the Ordinance was well presented by Commissioner Niblick in the Public Hearing. Ordinance 2019-05 was passed with all in favor.

Ordinance 2019-06 – An Ordinance Adopting The Tipton Municipal Swimming Pool Admission Fees: Councilman Curnutt read the title of the Ordinance and the different admission fees. Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated there would be a Public Hearing on the Pool Admission Fees on May 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims 162590-162696 in the amount of \$501,158.43, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.


Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Kegan Schmicker, Community Development Consultant, reported at the last meeting he stated there would be a presentation by Tina Henderson for the Planning Grant – Comprehensive Plan. There is an aggressive timeline, so she will be at the next Council meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated there would be a Public Hearing on May 13th at 5:00 p.m. on this Planning Grant.

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