

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on August 12, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilmen Curnutt, Morgan, Chandler, Ogden and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, JoAnn Burke with Tipton Community Care Coalition, Bill Gossard with Tipton Community Care Coalition, Kegan Schmicker, Sherry Landseadel, Dick Klein, LouAnn Millett, Connie Parish with Tipton County Health Dept., Dawn Snyder with Tipton County Health Dept., and Cori Chatterton with Purdue Extension.

Mayor Havens opened the August 12, 2019, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Havens welcomed the guest.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the July 22, 2019, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: No Amendment.

BOW: Councilman Curnutt reported from the August 12, 2019, BOW meeting.

Cemetery: Councilman Rippy reported the Board met and discussed items for 2020 budget, they are working on the lighting.

Park Board: Councilman Rippy reported there was no quorum because people were on vacation. He also reported the concert in the Park had 300 plus in attendance and the concert went well. The last concert will be September 28, 2019. Councilman Rippy reported IU Health will be having another community service day on September 26. They will be painting the lines for the walking area and adding the distance along the path.

Planning Commission: Councilman Curnutt reported the Planning Commission meets Thursday, August 15th at 6 p.m. and the Board of Zoning Appeals meets Wednesday, August 14th at 6 p.m. and both meetings will be in this Chamber.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported August 5, 2019, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported IMPA Commissioner Klein attended a recent meeting at IMPA regarding the negative affect school solar projects can have on smaller utilities. The utilities need to restructure the electrical rates in order to recover our operating costs of distribution from the base fee, as opposed to kilowatt-hours sold. Councilman Chandler reported the PLC controls at both the East and West Water Plants. The Board instructed Utility Manager Boyer to obtain two more quotes besides Toric Engineering. He also reported Engineer Matt Smith with Strand Associates gave the Board an update

on the Phase 3 project and provided a map showing the revised plan which will save around 500K and trying not to have a rate increase. Councilman Chandler reported they are also looking at wrapping bonds together. He also stated there was an additional option, the possibility of moving the line to the north side of the creek from Ash Street to the plant, which will be a difficult project it could save another five to six hundred thousand dollars. Mayor Havens commented that the Utility Board the operation entity like TMU after you see a single opportunity to 30-50 years down the road if you don't spend one million now to stay on the Southside. You might look at the Comprehensive Plan, they are looking at developing the south side and if you do this on the south side it might not get developed because he would have to pay for it. Councilman Chandler stated he would relay the message at the meeting. He also commented that he relayed the GIS asset management and the Board stated they would coordinate the efforts with the City.

New Business:

Tipton Community Care Coalition – Dr. JoAnn Burke: Mr. Bill Gossard and Dr. Jo Ann Burke reported they were here regarding two primary crosswalk possibilities. She also reported the Coalition has been meeting for about five years and the Board representation is working on affordable housing and walkability. Dr. JoAnn Burke stated Mr. Bill Gossard is the leadership on the walkability. Mr. Gossard reported he is representing the Tipton Community Care Coalition advocating for an improve walkability in two locations. One is east of town from TWC to Needlers and the other one is South on Park Road, the Park entrance by the school. It was reported they sent out letters and received a few responses that we will leave for the record. We are advocate for safer walkability and improve road crossings. The question was asked with them both being a State Highway property, do you know if that will be the starting point or best step. Mr. Gossard stated we need to involve the State, we have a good relationship with INDOT and Susan Crouch. We will arrange a get together with State Senator and Representative. Mayor Havens stated that Kegan Schmicker can assist you with community development. Schmicker commented yes, he would absolutely help. He attended a project plan meeting for SR 19 and could advocate on behalf of Tipton. Schmicker stated he would reinforce the value of what they did. They took a tour and seen where kids were trying to get across SR 19, and they acknowledged it. Dr. JoAnn Burke reported Park Road is not a State Road. It was reported the State would have say because it is in their right of way. Mayor Havens commented that Schmicker would take control to the extent of getting key INDOT people and us together. Mr. Gossard stated that they will be working on speed limits and truck traffic; the casual observation is that both areas are problematic. Dr. JoAnn Burke reported she can help in whatever. Councilman Rippey said that in the a.m. and p.m. at the school the Police Dept. must stop traffic. Dr. JoAnn Burke reported the walking for the crosswalk is worn away. It was stated the road was miss-aligned Ash Street extended and SR 28 and Park Road. Dr. JoAnn Burke reported they received 54 supportive responses and no negative responses. Councilman Chandler stated he appreciated the work they put into it. Councilman Curnutt stated you probably don't recognize the value with the aging population, its tremendous and all generations thank you. It was reported the Care

Coordination Group has 90 citizens on their email list. Tipton is aging, Purdue Education is taking this Statewide and we are building on Tipton. Dr. JoAnn Burke commented that the clip, on entering Tipton played by WIPB, they are using Tipton as the basic model. They are happy with this community.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Havens asked Clerk-Treasurer to give the Council an update. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the SBOA Exit Conference for the 2017 and 2018 Audit will be Thursday, August 15th at 2 p.m. She also reported she would be giving them an update on the budget workshops after she meets with the Mayor in the morning.

Mayor Havens reported the abandoned and vacated properties are a public nuisance and public safety issue. There is a lot of pressure currently, but we have stronger neighborhoods. The City Council meeting will progress on specific properties.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Nothing to report.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims 163483-163629 in the amount of \$4,120,912.05, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Ms. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked two questions. The first question was why the lights went out on Saturday morning, the majority of the town was out, $\frac{3}{4}$ of Tipton was out for couple hours. Councilman Chandler reported there was an outing in Anderson as well and it was grid to Michigan. He also reported he would receive a report from Utility Manager Boyer next Monday or before. Her second question was in the BOW meeting Councilman Curnutt reported there are 37 properties with issues, did you turn the properties in as an issue. Councilman Curnutt stated it was just a mathematical example, of the homes being affected. The BOW gets more aggressive and the Planning Dept., that is part of the urgency. Boyd commented she had a brief conversation with Commissioner Niblick, and he said a complaint must be filed before anything is started. Mayor Havens stated by law they have the right to initiate that but hey have a lot of work. Anyone can initiate the complaint. Boyd said Niblick needs complaints before any action.

Utility Boardmember Klein stated the reason for the power outage was a poor raccoon got in the main line by Izzy's.


Mr. Kegan Schmicker reported in late May the Planning Grant Downtown Revitalization steering committee was identified. They will act as the project manager of the Plan. This is a strong effort to do the pulling at the different things in the community. This will be the citizen's ideas.

Councilman Morgan apologized for missing the BOW meeting, it was the second full day of school, it was nuts. Mayor Havens stated that was no problem.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President