

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on September 9, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dick Klein, Kegan Schmicker, Trevor Ramsey, Maggie Kincade, Spencer Harrison, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Tom Dolezal and Nathan Kring.

Mayor Havens opened the September 9, 2019, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the August 26, 2019, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Morgan, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Not amendment.

BOW: Councilman Curnutt reported from the September 9, 2019, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Rippy reported they will meet next Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. He also reported there were 4 burials, 2 cremations and 11 lots sold in August.

Park Board: Councilman Rippy reported the July 2nd and September 3, 2019 minutes are enclosed. He also reported mulch had been added under the swing. Councilman Rippy stated IU Health is having their Community Service day on September 26th at the Park. They will be painting the lines on the walkway and adding distances along the path. He also reported they are purchasing and planting some trees. Councilman Rippy commented that they have contacted a contractor for some repairs on the walk bridge and the tire swing. Ms. Boyd asked if the golf carts are allowed on the bridge. Mayor Havens stated they are allowed, nor are they disallowed, no. She stated the golf carts are using it. Mayor Havens stated we would need an ordinance. He also reported the new bridge is 8 ft. wide and it will be able to be used for equipment, golf carts and pedestrians. Councilman Rippy reported stated this way the workers can bring the mowers across. It was also reported there will be a slope for handicap purposes. He also commented that with the weather straightening up the grounds look amazing. Councilman Rippy reported the last concert in the Park is September 28th from 7-9:30 p.m. Mayor Havens stated the last concert was well attended.

Planning Commission: Councilman Curnutt reported the Planning Board meets Thursday, September 12th at 6 p.m. and the BZA meets Wednesday, September 11th at 6 p.m. The business proposed is the HAND project (Wednesday evening at the BZA) they are requesting variances.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the September 3, 2019, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported Matt Smith with Strand Associates reviewed his findings on

Phase III large interceptor sewer and the best route is for it to be on the southside of the creek as originally planned. Chandler reported this will help with future development on the southside of the creek. There was a brief discussion on who has authority on bond issues. Chandler reported the Wet Weather Disinfection project at the East Plant is estimated at 1.2 million. There were funds set aside from the Phase II project in the amount of \$760,000 for this project and the balance will be paid from cash reserves. He also commented that this was approved subject to specific design plans. Chandler reported Utility Manager Boyer and Mr. Smith met with IDEM to bring them up to date on the projects. Utility Board member Klein reported everything went fine at the meeting and IDEM was okay with the west plant as well. Chandler stated the South Loop Project is currently transferring customers to the new conductors. He also reported there is a water issue at a trailer court on Park Road and we issued a boil order until the owner gets it fixed and there are two satisfactory water tests before the order will be lifted.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Havens stated the Pork Festival had good weather and should show up in the bottom line. He also reported a lot of organizations benefited from the increased activity. Mayor Havens stated there was a lot of campaigning going on.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2019-11 – A Resolution Creating Line 443 Demolition-Unsafe Buildings In The Rainy Day Fund And Transferring Within The Rainy Day Fund The Following Appropriations: Councilman Curnutt made a motion to create line 443 Demolition-Unsafe Buildings in Rainy Day Fund and to decrease line 382 IT & Related Maintenance in the amount of \$20,000 and to increase line 443 Demolition-Unsafe Buildings in the amount of \$20,000, seconded by Councilman Ogden. There are two additional properties. The fire property on Third Street and the N. Main Street (Unsafe Building). Resolution 2019-11 was passed with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims 163755-163855 in the amount of \$3,508,780.55, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark asked for permission to pay the RL Turner payment application #4 in the amount of \$163,674.00. She advised the Council we received the claim after the claims docket was printed. Clark also advised them that Public Works Manager Terry has approved the payment application #4. Councilman Morgan made a motion to pay the claim to RL Turner for work already completed, seconded by Councilman Rippy with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported it would be paid before the next Council meeting and would be on the next docket.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked for the claim amount to RL Turner. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported it was \$163,674.00.

Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune stated you are beginning the demolitions of the homes in the next 30 days and to contact her for some pictures.

Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about the Brian Andrews property. Mayor Havens stated it has been a discussion item. We are analyzing what City can and can't do, we are looking at the funding, plus a local contractor might be purchasing some used capital equipment to crush the cement and we are deciding if the City will pay or Andrew will pay. He also stated we met about eight weeks ago. We are trying to tighten up the loose ends, it's an expensive issue, funding and negotiate with him. Mayor Havens commented that just like the South Pole, the owner agreed to help pay, which they did. He also stated we are looking at cleaning it up before the end of the year. We take two steps forward and one step backward. Mayor Havens stated Mr. Andrews requested an additional meeting.

Nate Kring asked if the house demos are they the property owners or City-owned. Mayor Havens stated they are City's from the County Commissioner tax sale. Kring asked if any are being paid by the City that we don't own. Mayor Havens stated no. Kring commented that he is glad to see steps on the demolitions and code enforcement. He also stated he is trying to sell his house on Jefferson Street because he is moving to Southwood. The vacant car wash, in ingress and egress of Speedway and the car wash, violation of the sign ordinance takes down my property. Kring asked about the City Ordinance not allowing certain business downtown. Who changes the ordinance, such as nursing homes, towers, tattoo parlors which are considered artistry and, mobile homes. I do not understand the tattoo parlors, times have changed. Is it a City Council or Planning Commission? Mayor Havens reported the process is the Planning Commission to look at the changes, pass a resolution and then ask the Council for passage. That is the process we follow, and we don't want to weaken that with the Planning Commission. Just like the IURC understands electric rates, there is a reason for step by step process. Mayor Havens reported rumor on the street is we are within one month to see the car wash raised. Councilman Chandler stated in addressing the ordinances needing to be looked at, one ordinance regarding discrimination he addressed the ordinance and the concerns and now the ordinance has been updated. Mr. Kring stated he is not in agreement with the Council's decision completely, not sure with-it being election time, but you need to talk about things. Mayor Havens stated many ordinances are obsolete even the days they are adopted or even written. There is a standard we try to meet, operation goal set at a high standard.

Brett Curnutt, President of the Pork Festival reported he has been with the Pork Festival for 37 years and the last 12 years as President. He complimented the City Dept. Heads and staff, they were a tremendous help with the Pork Festival. He also reported this was record a year for the Pork Festival bottom line. Everyone working together and the volunteer

groups, the tremendous cooperation with everyone. It was perfect sunshine at 72 degrees for the 51st Pork Festival. Mayor Havens stated there was a lot of campaigning.

Councilman Chandler reported Wednesday, September 11th thanks to Kegan Schmicker is being declared Day of Service in Tipton. We need to come together as a community, volunteerism to help. He also reported there will be a proclamation at noon on Wednesday. Hope there is good attendance, there is one employer that is sending 10-15 employees. Official Love Tipton, we will be meeting downtown from 5-6 p.m. for those that work during the day. Chandler stated he hopes to do this on an annual basis. We have a town with great people. Mayor Havens thanked Chandler for the effort. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked where the proclamation would be. Chandler stated here at City Hall.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President