

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on January 13, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilmen Rippy and Kring, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Mike Terry, Judy Coker, Shannon Cassons, Diana Tomlinson, Mike Barnes, Steve Niblic, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Sharon Teuscher, John Ellis, Kegan Schmicker, Sherry Landseadel, and Brad Nichols.

Mayor Dolezal opened the first BOW meeting of 2020.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the December 23, 2019 BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson reported there were eight burials, zero cremations and six lots. She also reported there was standing water behind the office and dug some trenches which have helped with the standing water. Tomlinson stated she is looking to hire a person to dig and locate graves and would like to get them trained and onboard. Mayor Dolezal stated he appointed Cathy Clossin to the Cemetery Board, and he had one opening left and asked for any recommendations.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported the water level at the park was 9.05 and at 10 we must close the park. She also reported she has hired three bands for the summer concerts, May 16th, June 13th and September 26th and has two more to hire. Tomlinson reported she was getting quotes for an expression swing and is also gathering information for the five-year plan. She also stated the footers at the Babe Ruth diamond dugout collapsed. Dorsey Concrete is doing an evaluation of the structure. Tomlinson stated there will be a State Tournament at the baseball fields July 15th to July 19th and some areas will be closed off. She also reported she was looking at a camera for the concession stand and upgrading the cameras at the park. They are on the walking trail close to the restroom. Mayor Dolezal stated he entertains more cameras in the area, and to check pricing for more cameras. Councilman Kring asked where the hardware is. Tomlinson stated in the shed. Kring asked how long do we keep the recording. Tomlinson commented two weeks. The cameras get the one parking lot and the restrooms which includes part of the trail. Mayor Dolezal reported the Park Board has one new member, Anita Auler and it leaves one spot available and he is taking recommendation as well for that spot. Councilman Kring stated they don't have to be a City resident on the Park Board. Mayor Dolezal stated he would verify the fringe.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Niblick handed out the permit reports. He also stated the annual report for 2019 is done and he will bring it to the next meeting. Niblick reviewed the permit reports with the Board. Enforcement Division, Judy Coker reviewed her case report with the Board. She also reported some signs were removed, thanks to Public Works Manager Terry, it was ordered on Friday and was removed Monday. Coker reported she is drafting a letter stating the owner has 30 days to retrieve the property, February 13, 2020 will be the deadline. The sign was at 208 E. Jefferson Street. Kring asked who removed the sign. Coker stated the Street Dept. Someone asked about a branch on South Main Street by Hulen being on the ground. Coker stated she can send a letter out. There was a brief discussion about code enforcement and the process. Commissioner Niblick reported he bumped up the budget for legal services that way he can work with the Attorney and the BOW. Mr. Ellis, resident of the Parkview Mobile Home Park has been addressing the water issue but there is a violation there as well. There are seven abandoned trailers and the first letter was sent December 12th to the property owner about having the trailers removed. Mayor Dolezal stated the trees are another issue, especially the tree on Park Road and SR 19.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry gave a brief description of his reports. He also gave some information on year-end reports. There was a brief discussion on paving streets and the rating system. Terry stated he is going to apply for the next Community Crossing Grant for paving in January. He also reported he has an employee on work comp that has been off since May. Terry stated the employee has 38 days of vacation that was not used in 2019 and has 40 days for 2020. He requested permission from the BOW to pay the 38 vacation days for 2019 at the 2019 hourly rate. Clerk-Treasurer Clark commented we have money appropriated in the Rainy Day Fund for vacation/sick liability. Kring asked if the employee used any vacation days in 2019. It was stated that two days were used. Councilman Kring made a motion to pay the 38 vacation days at the 2019 rate, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Terry reported the Department is working on the alleys and they are filling potholes with 53 stone with dust and then #9 limestone with no dust. He also reported they are starting on the south end of town and the Street Dept. area and going east because the stockpiles are at the Street Dept and basketball parking lot. Councilman Rippy stated that he drove a couple of the alleys and they are doing a good job.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Comments:

Shannon Cassons – 462 Taft Street stated there are some safety issues at the Dezerland building. She gave a list of times the Police have been called down there because kids were in the building. Cassons stated she just wants it safe for the kids and have the property closed up more. Mr. Barnes who owns a building near the property called Peak Power Services has been broken into by individuals getting in through the Dezerland property. Mr. Barnes stated they have been testing the property but not where the building is. There was a brief discussion about the test wells and where they have tested. Cassons gave pictures

to the Board and stated she was worried about the safety of the kids going through Dezerland. Mayor Dolezal asked Forman Tomlinson to price extra cameras, maybe if we get a volume of cameras, we will get a discount. He also asked Public Works Manager if his employees could wrap a fence if necessary.

Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked the enforcement division where is the second building that the signs were removed. Coker stated it was 212 E. Jefferson Street (old liquor store). Boyd asked how long the signs needed to be taken down. Coker stated she received the complaint in December 2019. Coker read the City of Tipton Zoning Ordinance, Section 505.07, Signs Prohibited in All Zoning Districts A. Boyd stated it has been out of compliance for years.

Boyd with Tipton Tribune stated she was curious if the Assessor wasn't aware of the peak power services and how was the structure assessed. Assessor Cassons stated she hires the assessing done and it includes commercial property.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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