

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on February 24, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Brad Whitman, Josh Ball, Kaylee Walden, Jack Maxwell, Blake Reynolds, Cole Kirby, Malcolm Shuck, Steve Raber, John Ellis, Sharon Teuscher, AJ Muncie, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Mark Baird, Sherry Landseadel, Jeff Ogden, and Jeff Stout.

Mayor Dolezal opened the February 24, 2020, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the February 10, 2020, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Hiring of Fireman: Chief Ogden reported after interviews today he would recommend offering a conditional offer of employment to Adrian Carrillo. The BOW interviewed three candidates and after June 1st he would be employed with the anticipation of Chief Ogden retiring. Councilman Kring made a motion to extend the conditional offer of employment to Adrian Carrillo based on his interview, seconded by Councilman Rippy. It was reported they were all good candidates and there is good potential. Chief Ogden reported we keep the applications for twelve months. The motion was passed with all in favor.

Trails Presentation: Steve Raber, Representative of the Trail Committee gave a presentation on a DNR grant they are applying for on trails. It is an 80/20 grant and he will be delivering the grant application on Friday, February 28, 2020. He went over the map that was in the packet on what Phase this would be. Councilman Kring reported the blue lines, these phases are in the City limits, but the red lines are in the County and they would maintain that. Raber reported the County agreed for a permanent easement. He also stated on the grant they score everything by points and they also inspect every trail that was from a grant once a year. Raber commented that the number one item people requested was for trails and trails have been addressed in the Park Board 5-Year Plan and the City Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Dolezal stated he agrees with this grant application for the trails.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dolezal reported in efforts to apply for the grant the Mayor is willing to give up to \$50K of Edit money for the grant. The County and Hospital have also contributed, and the Foundation has not finalized anything yet.

Fire: Chief Ogden handed out his January Fire Report. Mayor Dolezal asked that the reports are given to the Clerk-Treasurer by Friday so they can be distributed in the packets. Chief

Ogden reported the Ambulance contract where Ambulance 10 is the back up when Medic 81 is out of service was signed by the Commissioners. He stated once everyone has signed the agreement, he would file a copy with the Clerk-Treasurer and County Auditor. Councilman Kring asked what the process is, does the County reimburse us. Chief Ogden reported we are subsidized, and it states it in the agreement. Councilman Kring asked if 50K was adequate for now. Chief Ogden stated yes, it is adequate. Councilman Rippy made a motion to accept the Ambulance Contract Agreement between the County and City of \$50K, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Police: Chief Stout reported he promoted Officer Nichols to Captain last week, there were four applicants and Asst. Chief Lacy and himself interviewed them. He also reported Detective DellaRosa's last workday is April 2nd then he scheduled out his vacation days. The new Detective is Sgt. Nunemacher and Officers Robins will be promoted to Sergeant and be the afternoon supervisor. Chief Stout reported we started a new application process and the apps are due back by April 3rd, with April 25th being the physical fitness and written test. He also handed out his monthly stats. Chief Stout recommends moving forward with the flooring. The Floor Store of \$5,714.36 for the carpet and the tile floors be done by Stars and Stripes for \$517.50 for a total of \$6,231.86. The Fire side the carpet is \$1,199.40 for two offices. Mayor Dolezal stated he went through the Public Safety building and the carpet is rough. Clerk-Treasure Clark commented that she reviewed the budget and CCD line 432 could be used for this expense. Chief Stout reported the kick plate is not in this quote and it would be about \$200. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the amount of \$7,431.26 for the carpet to be replaced and allowance for the kick plate not to exceed \$500, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the quote from Stars and Stripes for waxing the floor in the amount of \$517.50, seconded by Mayor Dolezal. The motion was passed with Councilman Kring abstaining. There was a question about the animal issues. Chief Stout reported there are not very many. There has been a total of 13 animal complaints for 2020, 4 self-initiated and 9 calls for service. He also reported last year we only took four animals to Elwood. There was a brief discussion of the current protocol on animals running at large. Councilman Kring asked Chief Stout about the sign bids. Chief Stout reported he contacted the Bldg. Commissioner about the restrictions and there is a height restriction and must be non-flashing. Councilman Kring stated he believed there is an ordinance based on the square foot. Chief Stout reported on the bike program, they published information about getting your bikes and you had until February 14th. He also reported Community Service Officer Alley contacted Mustard Seed where they are going to house the bikes for that program. Mayor Dolezal asked if the Attorney reviewed the document. Chief Stout stated we used a previous community and moved forward with it.

Enforcement Division: Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated this is not their normal meeting date and I forgot to take it off the agenda. Mayor Dolezal asked when the deadline is on the property on Sweetland. Councilman Kring reported regarding the RV it is between now and the next meeting. Councilman Kring addressed some concerns about signs that are

still up, and the business is no longer there. He also stated we should be able to address them as code violations not waiting for them to be complaint-driven violations.

Public Comment:

Mr. Brad Whitman stated he went to the Council meeting to discuss having an alley graveled between Taft and Wilson in the 200 block. He also stated he met with Mike Terry and he advised him to talk to his neighbors about the alley being stoned and it will have to come to the BOW. Mr. Whitman advised the BOW he has a petition with three signatures regarding the alley being stoned. There was a brief discussion of the location and the neighbor's comments. Councilman Kring addressed his concerns on the alley, possibly vacating the alley and a utility easement. Mayor Dolezal commented that we need to discuss with the Utility Director on vacating the alley.

Mrs. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked what the figure on the Ross Trailer Park fines are, rate or total. Mayor Dolezal reported they are in excess of \$20K. He also reported the maximum charge is \$1,000 a day. There was a discussion on where we are currently with the water situation. Then there was a brief discussion on Jack Ross (Father of the owner, Andrew Ross) being in town and having influence over the owner. Mr. Ellis stated there was a person with Mr. Ross, did he want to purchase the place. Mayor Dolezal commented he only spoke to Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross hopes to move it along quicker. Mayor Dolezal stated you should not plan on that being a mobile home park in 24 months from now, there are tax liabilities and Utility liabilities. Mr. Ellis stated we need to pack up and go. Mayor Dolezal commented that you should have a Plan B. It was stated you know the challenges. Councilman Kring stated he trusted the Mayor on this, but he would not support the City taking ownership with them being behind on taxes, having Utility liens, unless he pays all the fines. Mayor Dolezal stated it was dually noted.

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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President, Board of Public Works and Safety