

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on March 23, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Jeff Stout, Jeff Ogden, Judy Coker, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune.

Mayor Dolezal opened the March 23, 2020, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the March 9, 2020, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated we are handling this Coronavirus emergency as well as to be expected. Great Job.

Fire: Chief Ogden reported the February report was enclosed in the packets. He also reported we updated some protocols and are getting guidance from the Medical Director and CDC. Chief Ogden commented we are taking all precautions to protect the employees.

Police: Chief Stout reported the stats for February are enclosed in the packets. He also reported they received three applications so far and all applications are due back by April 4th. Chief Stout reported the call volume has dropped. We are not interacting much with the public trying to handle calls by phone. He also added we are trying to stay safe. Mrs. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked regarding essential people being on the road will they be stopped and if so, what do they need with them that they are an essential worker. Mayor Dolezal stated we are not being aggressive about enforcement; we are just trying to get through it. Reminder we just need to keep people safe.

Councilman Kring asked Chief Ogden and Chief Stout if they need anything from us like cleaning supplies, etc. Is there anything a private citizen can do like water, etc. Chief Ogden reported they were doing weekly inventory but now doing it every three days or doing inventory based on runs also. A lot is self-responsibility that must take place, this will tremendously help emergency response. He also reported we are working with the Health Dept. and EMA on extra supplies. We are disinfecting and cleaning and have mixed our own solution based on the CDC recommendations. Mayor Dolezal asked Chief Ogden and Chief Stout if they are in constant contact with Chuck, EMA Director. They stated yes. Chief Ogden reported the Public Safety Building is on lockdown so if someone is dropping off food, they need to set it out back and we will get it and bring it in. He also reported surfaces are a big spread of the virus. Chief Stout commented the lobby is open because it is a Safe Haven.

Enforcement Division – Ross Trailer Park – Trailers: Judy Coker, Enforcement Division, reported we are here on a hearing for Mr. Andrew Ross and he didn't attend. Mr. Ross violates our Unsafe Building Code through the Municipal Code #15 which states whenever a building or structure, used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction or arrangement, inadequate light, air or sanitation facilities, or otherwise, is determined by the county health officer to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation, or in such a condition that is likely to cause sickness or disease. She also reported she checked with the Health Dept. and there is no adequate water, it is unfit human habitation. Coker reported he is also in violation of #17 which states whenever any portion of a building or structure remains on a site after the demolition or destruction of the building or structure or whenever any building or structure is abandoned for a period in excess of six months so as to constitute such building or portion thereof an attractive nuisance or hazard to the public. She also reported six trailers have been vacant over six months and four residents that do not have adequate water. Coker stated she would like to give Mr. Ross a second order to appear and on the order, she would like to advise him that per our Building Code you can be fined a minimum of \$10 per violation per day or maximum of \$300 per violation per day that the violation exists. She also reported by her calculation there are 10 violations, four with sanitary issues and six abandoned or vacant structures not removed. Coker added she would like to state he be fined \$300 a day per violation for a total of 10 violations if he fails to appear. Councilman Kring stated he would like to add to the order that he would be allowed to call into the meeting with zoom or call one of us. Coker stated all the ways Mr. Ross was notified of this hearing date and he hasn't called the office about the notice. Councilman Kring made a motion to send a second order for a hearing set on April 13th and advise him he has a virtual meeting option where he can call in to attend the meeting, seconded by Councilman Rippey. Mayor Dolezal stated to go through the normal process, this doesn't give him an out to not contact us, the option to appear remotely will be in the order. Councilman Kring stated this shows we have bent over backward for him to attend the meeting. The motion was passed with all in favor. Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked if it was a \$300 per violation per day fine, which would be up to \$3,000. It was reported it is up to a \$300 per violation per day fine. Boyd stated they are cutting trees at the trailer park area, is that part of the trees the State Health Dept. wanted down. Mayor Dolezal commented the State wanted some trees down and he is not with certainty that these are the trees. He also stated the State Inspector was aware of it and they had marked the trees that need to come down.

Councilman Kring reported we are working on other things, but they are not emergencies like sign ordinance violations, etc.

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