

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on May 26, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune and Mike Terry, Public Works Manager.

Mayor Dolezal opened the May 26, 2020, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the May 26, 2020, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman reported they will be meeting in June. He also reported the Golf Course is up and running along with the Clubhouse and concession. Councilman Ehman reported Golf Pro Bontrager is doing his best for safety. He also stated the course looks great. Mayor Dolezal asked if there are any concerns. Councilman Ehman reported that Golf Pro Bontrager is still concerned about the touching of the flags. There are no rakes in the sand traps or no ball washers.

Goodwill: Mayor Dolezal reported the Committee didn't meet this month.

DSW: Councilman Kring reported they had a productive meeting today. They set up an Advisory Budget Committee to discuss the budget, the members are Commissioner Manier and Mullins and City Rep. Councilman Kring. He also reported they are looking at a third-party vendor to grind up all the yard waste. They are getting two bids and then they will vote on it over the phone. Councilman Kring commented they are trying to update and finalize the 5-year plan.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman reported the Committee met last Thursday. He also reported Public Works Manager Terry indicated on the sidewalk program all last year applicants were contacted, and everyone is on Board for this year with last year's fees. There were five additional new applicants for this year's graded fees. Councilman Ehman reported there is a lot of paving going on this year in the spring and fall. There was also discussion about basketball goals on the streets it's in the City Ordinance. Councilman Rippy said kudos to the paving, what is done looks good. Public Works Manager Terry stated thank you they are doing a fine job.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford reported they are not meeting in May. They will meet June 11th.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the May 18, 2020, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported IMPA Commissioner Klein reported there was a request by larger utilities to use Regulatory Accounting during the current pandemic. This would allow utilities to recapture losses attributed to the current pandemic through higher rates once the pandemic is over. The IURC would have to approve this before it would be available to us. Councilman Chandler reported Phase III project is going well. He also reported they will be moving to the north side of the creek to set the next structure. The boring crew will bore under the road to connect the pipe from the east side to the west side within the next month. Councilman Chandler reported Utility Manager Boyer is evaluating the best way to handle the request from AT&T to lower their rent for space on the south tank. He has contacted one of the companies to negotiate the cell tower leases but hasn't heard any information yet. There was a brief discussion on recapturing the losses. Councilman Kring asked about the Collection Dept. and it is a gravel lot. Councilman Chandler stated it was mentioned at the meeting. Mayor Dolezal commented he had a discussion with Utility Manager Boyer and advised him we need to lead by example, that needs to be a paved lot and that is what it calls for. Boyer asked for some time of settling of the lot and drive over it for a while. Mayor Dolezal stated his understanding is within a year it being complete and will be paved by then. Councilman Kring stated he doesn't understand that we wouldn't give everyone else a year for their lot to settle before paving. Councilwoman Hufford stated she agrees. Kring stated they don't require the lot to settle before asphaltting it. He also stated it is a few months out before they submit plans. Mayor Dolezal reported they have been to Planning Dept., he believes it is in design review, but don't know if they have finalized it yet. Councilwoman Hufford commented we need to lead by example, we need to hold our own feet to the plain and abide by the same rules and time frames that we place on the people of this town. Mayor Dolezal stated he agrees, and he will get an understanding from Commissioner Niblick on what the requirements are for a standard construction project, as far as when the pavement is expected from them.

Youth Council: Councilman Ehman reported they meet next week with a few of them. We have a few ideas on what to work on; there are a few ladies that want to do something. Councilman Rippey commented he would encourage them to think about what we can do to better the Parks and maybe attend Park Board meetings. Councilman Kring stated when you are young you want to change the world. Mayor Dolezal commented he received a suggestion to help with our social media presence, and he admits at the Mayor's office it is deficient but Administrative Asst. Landseadel is great at it, but he is not. Councilman Ehman commented he would get with Landseadel on this on how to proceed with that.

Other Boards/Committees: Councilman Kring asked about the appointment to the Tree Committee. Councilman Chandler reported he was could do that. Mayor Dolezal stated he could get a formal list and then we can see how to activate things with it

Mrs. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about animal control updates. Mayor Dolezal reported we haven't had any meeting and we are still working on trying to secure an option on location. We hope to have something by next meeting. Mayor Dolezal reported nothing is preapproved, this is just an idea of an option and then a discussion amongst the Council.

New Business:

OCRA Grant: Mayor Dolezal reported there was \$45,000 from EDIT money for Small Business Relief and we used about \$40,000. The OCRA grant we were approved in three different areas, one for \$204,500 for businesses, \$16,000 for health care staff, and \$29,500 for food bank supplies. The ambulance service was not an increased expense, so we asked OCRA to move the \$16,000 to businesses and they awarded it. Councilman Ehman reported you are using the same applications and the same Committee to review them. Mayor Dolezal reported there are 37 total applications. Councilman Kring asked how many applicants did the \$40,000 help. Mayor reported 23 applicants. Councilman Kring stated they are included in the aggregate of 37. Mayor Dolezal stated we have asked OCRA if those EDIT funds used could be reimbursed so then we can help the not for profits. There was a brief discussion about not for profits.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal shared that we are in the efforts of cleaning up buildings and facilities. He also reported we are talking to property owners, the willingness to sell, the preferred method would be an option agreement. Mayor Dolezal stated he is in discussion with Mr. Andrews on the old Pioneer complex. He also commented we are looking at the RDC as a mechanism to transfer some property to them.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2020-06 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations From Council To City Court: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported with City Court closing at the end of 2019 we appropriated some money in the Court and Council budget to finish out the Court. This transfer is to clear up some expenses paid out of the Court budget. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 decreasing Council line 319 City Court Contract. Services in the amount of \$1,800 and increasing Court line 116 Clerical Pt-time in the amount of \$1,000 and line 382 Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$800, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-03 – An Ordinance To Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana (Alley between 510 Maple Street and 516 Maple Street): Mayor Dolezal reported the Sowash's completed the public hearing, no one showed up to the public hearing to remonstrate. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-04 – An Ordinance Abolishing The Building Inspection Fund: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the inspection fees are now included in the permit fee associated with the Improvement Location Permits per Ordinance 2019-05 and are not a separate fee. She also reported the Fund is not needed and shall be abolished by the Council and the cash balance shall be disbursed to the General Fund as license and permit fees. Mayor Dolezal reported the inspector is budgeting on an annual basis; the inspections will be an administrative procedure. Councilman Kring asked the balance in the fund. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported \$63,338.48, the balance more than \$1,000 hadn't been transferred to the General Fund like the Ordinance stated. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 165687-165762 in the amount of \$239,440.80, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Councilman Rippy reported Fire Chief Ogden's last day is Friday, he wanted to say publicly Chief Ogden has taught me a lot on what goes on with the Fire Dept. and Ambulance Service. He has been a big asset to the City of Tipton for several years. Kudos to him and his retirement. Mayor Dolezal stated he agreed, it's wonderful a 31-year commitment to the community.

Councilman Kring reported there are a few ordinances that are government over-reach and don't know what the best process is. Is that recommending to the Ordinance Committee which hasn't met in a while, but we have City Council representation on, not sure who it is. There are certain things we need to look at, some of these things are old and restrictive and restricts some people's rights. The ordinances need to be looked at and then recommendation from the Ordinance Committee needs to be brought to the City Council for further discussion. Councilman Chandler stated that would be a good thing. We just changed the housing ordinance and updated it and he would agree with Councilman Kring's assessment on that. Someone asked who is on the Ordinance Committee? Councilwoman Hufford stated she was interested in being on that Committee. There was a brief discussion and Mayor Dolezal stated he would verify who is on the Committee.

Councilman Chandler thanked the American Legion, they had a very nice service at the Cemetery on Memorial Day. As always, it was done very tastefully. It was a very nice crowd and it was nice to pay homage for our Tipton County brothers and sisters that perished during different wartime actions. He again sent condolences and thoughts to those that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Mrs. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about getting a small handwashing station and put it by the tot lot because two-year-old tots are not supposed to use hand sanitizer. Mayor

Dolezal stated the bags to clean up after the animals are nice. It was commented that they have been there a while.

Public Works Manager Terry reported the hot topic is the pool. There are some paint issues on the paint and timing and so we have taken the painting out of RL Turner contract and the City will be painting it. He also reported once the pool is filled and treated, we must have Board of Health inspections and two water samples before the pool can open. Terry reported the fence contractor is out there and won't leave until done. He also reported the splash pad should be opening June 1st. Councilman Chandler complimented Terry for his due diligence on making sure the job is done right and being fiscally responsible as possible, he appreciates that. Councilman Ehman stated it is going to be very nice. Terry stated anyone who would like to see it, get ahold of him and he will take them out there. He also commented the pool is a very nice asset.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President