

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

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

Others: Jeff Stout, Joe Bitner, Sharon Teuscher, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune and David Vehslage with Donley Safety.

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

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve November 9, 2020, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Open Bids for a Top Mount Pumper: Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated we received two bids. Mayor Dolezal reported the first bid is Spencer Manufacturing (no one was present from Spencer) from South Haven, MI, for \$608,325.00. The second bid was Toyne Inc. (Donley Safety – David Vehslage present) for \$562,257.00 with a performance bond and \$556,690.10 without a performance bond. Councilman Kring made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the Top Mount Pumper, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Open Bids for 2021 Police Vehicles: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported two received the bid package and we received one back from Tipton Ford. Mayor Dolezal opened the bid from Tipton Ford the amount is \$32,339 each with five units the total would be \$161,695. Chief Stout stated Mr. Ron Boyland told him the second option with the police package for the truck they are working on it. They quoted the five Explorers. It was stated your wish is the one with the truck package. Councilman Rippy made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the Police Vehicles, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the October monthly report. No questions. He gave an update on some COVID and quarantining within his Dept. Chief Bitner reported the Propane Emergency Class rescheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> has been delayed again because of the rise of COVID. He also reported he has some members in the hiring process with KFD and Noblesville he would hate to lose them. Chief Bitner reported they are gathering quotes for a new ambulance, if they are under 150K we can gather quotes instead of bidding it out. He also reported they are waiting on what the Commissioners are going to do regarding the ambulance service. Chief Bitner stated Engine 11 had to have major work on the pump, and it was over \$15,000 in cost. The bids are to replace this engine. There was a lengthy discussion regarding what is going on with the ambulance service and the service in the entire County.

Police: Chief Stout asked if there were any questions on the monthly stats. No questions. He also reported they are doing the application process for another 30 days, December 18<sup>th</sup> by 3 p.m. Hopefully we get new applicants. Chief Stout stated he has an officer in the Noblesville lateral process, they are hiring seven. Councilman Kring asked if it was an older or newer officer. Stout reported an older officer. He also reported Officer Maddox is filling in on shifts because school is out. Chief Stout reported no shave November fundraiser they raised \$3,000 and the local FOP usually matches. He also reported Shop with a Cop they normally take 15 kids to Meijer, but Meijer asked us not to bring them this year. We are meeting with the family's on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers and we will be setting a time for each family, Santa will be there too. Chief Stout reported they are wrapping up the training for 2020, they finished the basic driving skills training. Mayor Dolezal asked if they received calls to COVID restrictions. Chief Stout stated no. He also stated he has mandated mask and temp checks for the Officers. It was reported the Health Dept. has stepped up with businesses as well. Business employees where it and ones with food permits are encouraged as well. Mayor Dolezal commented to keep as safe as possible and keep business open as possible.

Mayor Dolezal reported the Planning/Enforcement Division the Courthouse is closed, COVID and quarantine and they are to be back in the office today.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported the Health Dept., and EMA are moving to COVID testing, they were approved for a grant. The hospital asked us to hold off on testing but there is a need for more testing. The testing center will start on November 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-7 p.m. It will be on the front side of the old jail. You have to go to the Indiana State Department of Health site to register. You will want to fill in the registration as completely as possible. IU will maintain their testing on Tuesday and Friday.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher stated she is conservative on spending money but the issue with TFD and TPD, there is a need to hire new people already trained. Tipton trains them to go to other places. To keep Police and Firefighters we need a better plan. Mayor Dolezal stated we are working on that, we are training for larger communities. Teuscher said to have them sign contracts with TPD and TFD. Mayor Dolezal reported there is a reimbursement agreement exchange for the level of training. Teuscher commented she owns property out of state, but she will expend to keep her property up. She also reported she wants good renters, spends more money, competitive amount. Mayor Dolezal stated that is what we are doing, trying to improve things. Teuscher commented it will cost more money. Mayor Dolezal stated the lateral transfer is a different option, we can never pay like Kokomo or Westfield.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety