

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on December 28, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dick Klein, George Ogden, Tami Brown, Joe VanBibber, Matthew Behnke with Reedy Financial, Don McElfresh, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune and Bob Edinger.

Mayor Dolezal opened the December 28, 2020, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020, Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the December 28, 2020, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman reported the GAC won't meet until March. He also reported at the next Council meeting they will be bringing suggested rates for 2021.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler reported we met on December 18th and had a good discussion between City and County. It was reported there were two Councilmembers, Commissioner and Twp. Trustee in attendance.

District Solid Waste: Councilman Kring reported there was a short meeting and the last meeting of the year and the last meeting for County Council Emily Wilson. They are getting quotes for a baler; they are looking at getting second one to help package more cardboard. He also reported they are looking at doing a job description for an Educator or they might partner with Purdue. There are funds available, over 200k, they might be able to lower the tax rate or do a capital improvement item.

Street, Alley and Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman reported we are continuing the sidewalk rating program. He also reported there is discussion regarding a no parking sign on Hill Street between Ash and Main Street, Harland Avenue and Southwood Drive. Councilman Ehman reported they are reviewing with Vectren the permit fees.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford reported they didn't meet, there was no quorum.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the December 14, 2020, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported the Utility Board approved Resolution 2020-13 approving an East Water Plant rate increase to remain sound and for infrastructure improvements. The Resolution was passed unanimously and forwarded to the Council. Councilman Chandler reported Eng. Matt Smith reviewed the recent bids for the disinfection project and tank

conversion project. The bids were from Crosby Excavating, Kokosing Excavating and Thieneman Construction with the Board approving Thieneman bid. He also reported the Grant Application to OCRA for the West Street Drainage Project was unsuccessful in the first round. The Board will be meeting with OCRA officials in January to discuss our project and possibly re-submit in April. Councilman Chandler reported the Board is having some issues with employees testing positive and when they can return to work. The consensus of the Board was to follow CDC guidelines. He also reported the Atlas crew is back working on Phase III project. The completion date has now rolled out to end of January.

Youth Council: Councilman Ehman reported they haven't been able to meet. Mayor Dolezal and Ehman reported the students will go back to school January 18th.

New Business:

Permission for C-T to do any Transfers or Resolutions to clear up year-end: Councilman Kring made a motion to allow the Clerk-Treasurer to do any transfers or resolutions to clear up year-end finances, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Water Rate Study – Katelyn Shafer with Reedy Financial (Ord. 2020-17): Matthew Behnke with Reedy Financial is here in Katelyn's place. Mr. Behnke walked through the important facts of the Water Rate Study. The increase is \$3.12. It was also reported we haven't had a rate increase since 2009. We want to keep cost down and low. Mr. Behnke reported things get more expensive with inflation. Mayor Dolezal asked Board member Klein or McElfresh if they wanted to share their perspective. Board Chair McElfresh reported the last rate increase was in 2009 and years before that. It was a 38% overall increase, and it was done incrementally over a three-year period. He also reported he appreciated the information provided by Reedy. Board member Klein reported talk about management, Jeff Heard, Water Superintendent, and people he has does a great job. Councilman Chandler reported our rate and service is great. Mayor Dolezal reported the Ordinance 2020-17 is under Resolutions and Ordinances later on in the agenda.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal thanked everyone on Council and others for working together and moving the community forward.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Ordinance 2020-13 – An Ordinance to Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana – Paddock's: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-13 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-14 (Replaces Ordinance 2014-02) – An Ordinance Replacing Ordinance 2014-02 Including Appendix A, And The Schedule Of Fees Under The Category Of Cemeteries: Mayor Dolezal stated he appreciates the Cemetery Board keeping pace with the cost. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-14 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-15 – An Ordinance To Establish The Fairview Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund: Mayor Dolezal reported this will help set back funding for expanding the footprints of the Cemetery and available lots. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-15 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-16 (Amending Ordinance 2020-09) – An Ordinance Amending And Creating A Lateral Transfer Bonus To Ordinance 2020-09 Effective 2021: Mayor Dolezal reported Chief Stout complimented us for providing this incentive. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-16 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-17 – An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Tipton, Indiana, Adjusting Water Rates And Charges For The City Of Tipton East Water Utility: Mayor Dolezal reported Reedy Financial presented information on proposed increase to rate, there has been no increase since 2009. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-17 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer reported there will be a public hearing on January 11, 2021 at 5 p.m. for the increase in water rate.

Resolution 2020-36 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations in Fire Budget: Mayor Dolezal reported it would a decrease in lines 210-Training Supplies, 211-Office Supplies, 214-Computer Supplies, 216-Gasoline, 217-Tire & Tube Repair, 222-Fire Prevention, 225 Inst. Supplies and 319-Med/CDL for a total amount of \$2,868.86 and increase line 112-Firefighter Wages in the amount of \$2,868.86 along with decrease in lines 319-Med/CDL, 322-Postage, 359-Repair Equipment, 360-Repair Parts, 362-Fire Extinguishers, 382-Maint. Agmt. For a total amount of \$2,072.17 and increase line 450-Furniture in the amount of \$2,072.17. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-36, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Resolution 2020-37 – A Resolution Recognizing The Service Of Mayor Don Havens To The City Of Tipton: Councilman Chandler reported we have three special guest, Tami Brown, widow of Mayor Don Havens, Joe VanBibber a great friend and former Mayor and Councilmember George Ogden. He also reported last year we passed a Resolution where we stated Mayor Havens would be formally honored at a later date. We had input from close friends of Mayor Havens on how to honor him. Councilman Chandler read the entire Resolution 2020-37 which including recommending the renaming the bridge on State Road 19 over Cicero Creek the “Don S. Havens Memorial Bridge and placing a plaque in the courtyard area in front of City Hall. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-37, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Mayor Dolezal reported Don was extremely generous for all he done for the community and the hours and hours he did for the community. He is missed, the gifts have been enjoyed and will be years to

come. Resolution 2020-37 was passed with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal thanked Chandler for all you helped with and being a part of this recognition.

Resolution 2020-38 – A Resolution Concerning Overtime Calculations: Mayor Dolezal reported in the middle of year the calculation of overtime for Fire was incorrect and we have rectified, and it has been corrected. Overtime hours calculated, sick, vacation and holiday are not considered hours worked and do not count in computing overtime. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-38, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.


Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 167304-167507 for \$374,387.92, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials: No comments.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Kring made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President