

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on December 14, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Malisha Sharp, Judith Leininger, Laura Sottong, Bob Edinger, Diana Tomlinson, Dick Klein, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune and Mike Bullick.

Mayor Dolezal opened the December 14, 2020, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the November 23, 2020, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the December 14, 2020, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Rippey reported the Board didn't meet last month. We received a short report at the BOW, there were six burials, four cremations, and six lots sold.

Park Advisory Board: Councilman Rippey reported the Board met last Tuesday. He also reported Foreman Tomlinson has started hiring the bands for next summer. They are gathering information for Tree City Application, it will be submitted tomorrow. Councilman Rippey reported the Board is looking at the 5-Year Master Plan for the Park.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported December 7, 2020, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported the Board passed a Resolution to dispose of property of a well site by Park 100 Foods that is plugged. Councilman Chandler reported Utility Manager Boyer presented the 2021 Meeting Schedule, Holiday Schedule, and operating budgets for each Department. He also stated Reedy Financial is gathering information regarding a water rate case. Councilman Chandler commented the disinfection project bids are still under review, they are investigating ways to reduce the cost of the project.

New Business:

2021 Holiday Schedule: Mayor Dolezal reported the schedule is in line with what the Utility Board supported. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Scheduler, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Paying out Unused 2020 Vacation/Holidays – COVID related: Mayor Dolezal stated we would like to pay them out, they aren't able to use them between now and the end of the year. Clerk-Treasurer explained the reasoning for the days not being used. She stated there are only five employees that this affects. Councilman Chandler stated this won't happen all the time. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated no, normally Dept. Heads have them all scheduled out, but we have had some different circumstances. Councilman Chandler made a motion

to pay out the unused Vacation/Holidays, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Old Business:

Animal Shelter: Mayor Dolezal reported in November we completed the purchase for 825 W. Jefferson, the goal is for animal services for this building. Councilman Chandler reported where we are is a bigger discussion municipally lead with volunteers or non-profit organization with the backing of City and County. He also reported if the approach is municipally lead it will be a tough road with grant monies. Another concern is elected officials could choose not to fund the service and the shelter would go away. Councilman Chandler stated the clear path is to partner with a non for profit to run the facility with funding from City and County support. An interlocal agreement for 3-5 years with the non for profit. Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked what the next steps will be. Councilman Chandler stated the first quarter of 2021 is to get funds available, remediate the smell of cat urine in the building and stretch what is in the budget until the non for profit could be able to help. Mayor Dolezal thanked Chandler for the update. He also stated that his passion hasn't weakened any.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported the annexation efforts on the West side of the City with residential acres and the 60 acres of the Business Park. He also reported he had a meeting with Reedy & Associates, discussing TIF proposed annexation, with additional funds for improvements to those areas. Mayor Dolezal stated we are looking at a small grant for an Environmental Study for Dezerland, where we can except the property, to tear it down and clean it up. He also reported he is in discussion with owner Brian Andrews of the old pioneer building. We are looking at a solution to improve the area of the City as well.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Ordinance 2020-13 – An Ordinance To Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana – Paddocks -462 N. Independence: Mayor Dolezal reported we need to address alleyways not in use vacate or provide to the property owner. Councilwoman Hufford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-13 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Councilman Kring asked about the sidewalk repair discussed in the Public Hearing. Mayor Dolezal reported there is no plan to do so unless they seek assistance with the Sidewalk Program. He also reported utilities run thru there and there are certain setbacks. It was stated that there needs to be a notation on the deed and covenant on the property. Ordinance 2020-13 was passed 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 reported there are details on cremation in a resting place. He also reported Foreman Tomlinson came tonight to answer any questions, she had done a wonderful job. Councilman Ehman reported it is very nice, there are 20 vaults. Tomlinson reported they are niches, selling them for \$2,000 per niche. The monument

place will do the inscription and there are certain requirements. Councilman Ehman asked about expansion where would we need to add. Tomlinson reported Public Works Manager Terry and herself figured it could go to the East, not 20 but 10, there are other places as well. Tomlinson explained what the intention was for the area where the Columbarium is located. Mayor thanked her for all her hard work Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-14 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-15 – An Ordinance To Establish The Fairview Cemetery Capital Improvement Fund: Mayor Dolezal summarized the Capital Improvement Fund proposed to be established. This will help with roads, expansion to the North, the Perpetual Fund is for maintenance. If established the sales of burial plots or niches will be distributed as 20 % to the Capital Fund, 10 % to the Perpetual Fund, and 70% to the General Fund. Councilman Rippy reported the reason for this is to help fund the capital improvements of the Cemetery. Tomlinson reported the fees haven't been raised for 5-6 years and we checked with other Cemeteries in the area. Councilman Kring asked about the \$5,000. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated you can't deplete the fund below that amount. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-15 on the first 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 thanked Clerk-Treasurer Clark for all her work. He reported this is amending the Salary Ordinance to include the Lateral Transfer Bonus under Compensation. The fourth paragraph makes it available for the incentive but doesn't require it, this is to help the Chief with his efforts. Councilman Kring asked about the \$15/month for the phone. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the phone allowance is paid two times a year. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-16 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2020-34 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations in the Street Budget: This transfer decreasing line 360 Repair Parts for \$7,428.97 and increasing line 422 Motor Equipment for \$7,428.97 is to help purchase snow plow, and salt spreader for the new dump truck. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-34, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Resolution 2020-35 - A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations in the Planning & Building Budget: This transfer decreases line 313 Outside Prof. Services for \$125 and increases line 211 Office Supplies for \$125. Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-35, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 167252-167429 for \$3,549,807.22, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor. Councilman Kring abstained from voting.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Laura Sottong asked for an update on the Ordinance that was passed. It was reported the Ordinance has been published. There needs to be a discussion with the Planning Dept. on enforcement that will take place and fines. Councilwoman Hufford reported the Planning Dept. hasn't been able to meet because of no quorum and Covid. There was a brief discussion on the next steps. It was reported you can go in and file a complaint.

Ms. Laura Sottong asked about the animal shelter if it would encompass County or just the City. Councilman Chandler reported the County will be included in the discussion and there will be ample opportunity to participate

Ms. Malisha Sharp stated there is a refrigerator that has been in the hall for two weeks. She stated kids are playing around it. Councilman Kring commented there is a process for all of these. You need to file a complaint and then there is a process the Building Commissioner handles to take care of the complaints.

Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about lack of attendance, would a zoom meeting help with attendance. Councilwoman Hufford commented this is the first time the whole year we didn't have a quorum. The individual was planning on attending but got detained at work that is why ~~he~~ ^{they} couldn't make it to the meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippy 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