

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on January 25, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Steve Niblick, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, and Kegan Schmicker.

Council President Chandler opened the January 25, 2021, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve January 11, 2021, Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilman Chandler didn't vote because he was the presiding officer. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Councilman Chandler didn't vote because he was the presiding officer.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the January 25, 2021, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman reported the GAC didn't meet and they will meet next month.

Goodwill: Councilman Ehman reported the Committee met, had a good discussion and there was great participation from the Committee members.

DSW: Councilman Kring reported the Board approved Mayor Dolezal as the New Chair, Commissioner Henderson as Vice President and City Councilman Kring as Fiscal Officer. He also reported they approved purchasing a new baler and it should pay for itself in two years. Kring reported the Capital Improvement Plan in the General Fund has quite a bit of money, the Board is hiring an Educator for recycling and hazardous waste. He also reported Jim Ashley was appointed as the County Council representative.

Street, Alley, & Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman reported they didn't meet.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford reported the January 14, 2021, Planning Commission notes are enclosed. The elected officers for the Planning Commission and the Joint Committee members will be clarified at the next meeting. Hufford also reported the next meeting would be in February.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported January 18, 2021, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported claims and charge offs were approved. Chandler reported Boyer informed the Board his Employment Contract expired December 31, 2020 and presented a new contract to extend employment another 12 months subject to a 30-day

written notice in the event of retirement. He also reported Boyer informed the Board that Elliot Cage, a new employee at the Water Dept. requested a leave of absence while he returns to college to complete his degree at Purdue. When hired he thought they would continue virtual learning because of the pandemic but recently learned it was going to be in-class instruction. The Board approved leave of absence and credited Cage for the 47 days he worked towards his 90-day required probationary period. Chandler reported Boyer is advertising for an experienced lineman to replace Frazier who will be retiring on February 12, 2021. He also reported AMI Project is coming together and will begin changing out electric meters this week. Chandler reported Phase III sewer project is nearing completion. The work at Park 100 is almost complete and the work behind CVS to incorporate the old overflows into the new system has begun. He also reported the Collection Dept. Garage is nearing completion, we would either hold a Utility Board meeting or at least a Board visit soon.

Youth Council: Councilman Ehman reported they have not met officially, there has been discussion with several of them on how to proceed.

New Business:

Downtown Revitalization Plan: Councilman Kring reported it has been over three months since we approved the binder that cost \$10,000 for the plan. He also reported he didn't want to see it put on the shelf; he is anxious to see help with the plan. He would like the Goodwill Committee to help, Cicero Twp., along with County and City contributing to come up with a plan. Kring reported it is incumbent of us and the Mayor to move forward. There was a brief discussion regarding the plan and the top five items and budgeting funds for the plan. Kegan Schmicker reported we presented the Downtown Revitalization Plan at the September meeting and Grant Writer Tina Henderson done the grant and it cost \$45,000. There was discussion of the Steering Committee being formed and someone taking the lead on the project. Mayor Dolezal reported in the next 90 days we should have a plan. It was determined to reconvene the Steering Committee and invite the Council and then lay down the groundwork on where to start on the plan.

City Public Projects Committee (See Draft Resolution): Councilman Kring reported he presented a draft resolution for consideration and then we can update it and then pass the updated resolution. He also reported Clerk-Treasurer Clark suggested we should include all public buildings and have a long-term plan, such as the Park Pavilion, etc. Kring reported we will start with the Street Dept. and the Public Safety Building with a long-term plan. There are open spaces on the resolution that we need to fill in. Councilwoman Hufford questioned #3 indefinite. Councilman Kring reported this is only a template it can change. He also reported it could be one or two years. Councilman Ehman reported he didn't want it turned over every year he would like to see at least four years. Hufford reported a life change she would like two years or stay on. Kring reported the Jail Committee was indefinite. It was suggested the terms be three years maybe and then term by the Council at any time. #4 Vacancies may be determined by the Council at its discretion. #2 The Committee shall have #__ of members. Councilman Kring suggested

the two Chiefs, Mayor, two Council, City Engineer, Mike Terry, Public Works Manager and community member. It was discussed to have advisory board members such as the two Chiefs, Terry, or a representative on whichever building we are discussing. The Committee would be the Mayor, two Councilmembers, City Engineer and one public citizen and invite Clerk-Treasurer to every meeting. These members would be appointed by the Council. It would be 5 members appointed by the Council. Clerk-Treasurer Clark asked who would get this information to City Attorney Quigley. Councilman Kring reported he would handle it with Quigley.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported there is a list of items he is focusing on for 2021. He also reported there is a scheduled RDC meeting on Thursday, where they will take up more issues and there is active real estate in the Business Park with more activity.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Ordinance 2021-01 – An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Tipton, Indiana, Amending The City Of Tipton Zoning Ordinance 2010-03, As Amended Five (5) Miscellaneous Provisions: Building Commissioner Niblick reported this Ordinance is on first reading. Attachment A of the Ordinance makes deletions and additions to the text of the City of Tipton Zoning Ordinance. Parts to be deleted are struck through while parts to be added are in red. He also reported the five amendments were initiated by the City Council or Planning Commission and was proposed in November of last year, then the public hearing was canceled because of COVID. We eventually held the public hearing on January 14, 2021 and then the Planning Commission met after the public hearing. Niblick reported each amendment was approved individually with an 8-0 vote and a Certification was done and filed with the Clerk-Treasurer on January 18th. The Ordinance was given to City Attorney Quigley for review, a few small changes were made and then put in the Council packet for their review and approval. Niblick reported Amendment no. 1 added a sentence to Section 104 Compliance. Amendment no. 2 added a sentence to Section 108 Application. Amendment no. 3 amending Section 303 Table A District Use Standards regarding Mobile Home Parks three situations removing the special exception prohibited but can request a variance. Amendment no. 4 addition to Section 306.13 F. It clarifies buffer yard or landscape required on property and the easement can't be used for the buffer yard or landscape and plantings. There was a brief discussion on why this was being addressed. Amendment no. 5 amending Section 504.09C. This allows fence heights to be 48 inches in the front yard setback. Councilman Chandler asked if there are any questions from the Council. Mayor Dolezal reported he has been in some discussion on these amendments and appreciated Niblick addressing them with the Council. Councilwoman Hufford asked do we want to approve them as a whole. Councilwoman Hufford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01, amendment #1, #2 #3, #4, and #5 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilman Chandler didn't vote because he was the presiding officer.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 167643-167720 for \$401,891.07, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Councilman Chandler didn't vote because he was the presiding officer.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked when the Utility will be finishing up the work by the bypass and that area. Councilman Chandler reported by the end of the month, it is still on schedule. It was reported at the end of Diehl Street, it is disrupting lives and it's a mess over there.


Mr. Kegan Schmicker reported he wanted to commend the DSW for reviewing tax rates with the surplus cash. He also reported Chamber reviews the tax rates, we need to be more marketable and attractable.

Mr. Kegan Schmicker, Chamber Director, would like an invite to the Goodwill Committee and he would be willing to attend if an invitation were sent. Councilman Chandler reported that sounds good.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Councilman Chandler didn't vote because he was the presiding officer.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President