

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on December 14, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Bob Edinger, John Ellis, Sharon Teuscher, Diana Tomlinson, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Ken Ehman, Steve Niblick, Mike Terry, Judy Coker, and Joe Bitner.

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

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

Old Business:

Police Bids: Mayor Dolezal reported we received one offer and it wasn't accompanied on the bid form it needed to be on. We need to rebid. Councilman Kring made a motion to decline the bid received from Tipton Ford, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Fire Bids – Top Mount Pumper: Chief Bitner reported we received two bids, one from Toyne for \$556,690.10 and the other from Spencer for \$608,325. We reviewed both bids, Spencer has a better product, warranty, and customer service. He also reported they called a few Fire Depts. and they seem to have positive comments about Spencer. The one Fire Dept. in Texas that has Toyne had some issues with the service of their fire truck. Chief Bitner made a recommendation to accept the Spencer bid. Mayor Dolezal asked if the points were itemized in detail and the references. He also stated he appreciated his recommendation but would like to review them. Chief Bitner reported an employee turned in his letter of resignation. His last day will be December 27, 2020, and will be starting at Kokomo Fire Dept. the first week of January. In the application process, we had there are four applicants for you to interview. Mayor Dolezal asked what is your preference on how soon do you want to do interviews. Chief Bitner stated he wanted to try and get them a spot for testing after the first of the year. Mayor Dolezal we will hold interviews on December 30th starting at 10 a.m. for four candidates. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated if we need a special meeting of the BOW to hire the employee she would need to know because she would need to advertise. She also stated if no special meeting then the hiring would take place at the first BOW meeting in January. Councilman Kring asked if the top four are worthy of interviews. Chief Bitner reported he felt good about the whole list of candidates. He also reported two members received personal messages from Westfield, with a pension base of \$73,770 for 2021, but he wasn't sure if they are going to apply. Chief Bitner stated we can't compete with Hamilton County. He also commented we have good employees.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson reported there were six burials, four cremations, and six lot sales for a total of \$3,000. She also reported we are establishing a Capital Fund and it will be on the agenda at this evening's Council meeting.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported she started hiring the bands for next year's Concerts in the Park. She also reported they are getting ready to submit the Tree City Application. Tomlinson reported Park Board President Parker sent surveys out to see what people want to see in the Park's Dept. This will help with the 5-Year Master Plan. She also reported they have put signs up on Wilson Street by the pond. Mayor Dolezal stated you do a great job with the concerts in the Park.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Commissioner Niblick reported Happy Holidays. He also reviewed his November permit reports. Niblick reported he is working on the Annual Report for City and County Planning Commission and the BZA. He also reported the City BZA met last week and only had some administrative items. The City Planning meeting scheduled last week didn't have a quorum. They will meet again in January. There was a brief discussion regarding attendance. Enforcement Division Coker reported there are no new cases for November but has picked back up in December and she has been working on existing cases. There was a discussion regarding trash dumped in alleys and in front of houses. Mayor Dolezal reported Public Works Manager Terry has some plans and steps to take. Coker reported maybe we need a form letter on what the process is and what the City will take and won't take.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported he picked up the new dump truck last week. He also reported he is transferring money so he can purchase a snowplow and salt spreader for the truck. Terry reported E&B Paving took care of the low storm structures (3) on Court & Madison Street. There was also a handful on Dearborn that was taken care of. He also reported there are few sidewalks needing repair on Walnut Street that E&B Paving will take care of in the spring. The milling head got too close to the sidewalk and took some chunks out of the sidewalk. Mayor Dolezal asked if they have addressed the issues where ice could accumulate from water not draining properly. Terry reported this is with DC Construction our first paving this year. Mayor Dolezal asked to please get this fixed before freezing. Terry reported he has the winter equipment ready before snow season. Mayor Dolezal thanked Terry for getting the manholes fixed on Madison. Terry reported the Columbarium at the Cemetery is in and looks very nice.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated he appreciated all the hard work tackling issues with all COVID stuff. We want to express our appreciation.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher thanked Terry for taking care of the sidewalk. She also complimented the Planning Commission on the board for the ALCO sign coming down. She asked if there is there any new businesses coming into Tipton, do you have any insights on what is happening out there. Mayor Dolezal stated elected officials try to attract new businesses and also retain businesses. He also reported we are looking at TIF areas for growth, increase tax revenue for incentives. There was a brief discussion regarding the Police and Fire and competing against the surrounding communities on pay. Teuscher reported several older people love Tipton when retiring because it is cleaner. What do we have as

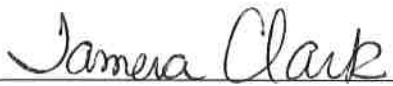
new interest for young people to come to Tipton. Mayor Dolezal stated we need to grow more residence.

Mrs. Vicky Boyd, resident, asked when the alley behind her house would be done. Mayor Dolezal reported it is a spring project at this point.

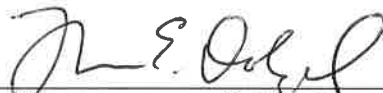
Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune stated on Social Media it stated that Alco was purchased by Package Right and this will be their storage place for the factory, she was just wondering if that was the case. Mayor Dolezal commented that he would touch base with them.

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