

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on January 11, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Diana Tomlinson, Mark Baird, Judy Coker, Ken Ehman, Mike Terry, Sharon Teuscher, Sherry Landseadel, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Joe Bitner and Brayden Clark.

Mayor Dolezal opened January 11, 2021, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve December 30, 2020, Executive Session Memorandum, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve December 28, 2020, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson reported there were five burials, six cremations, and six lot sales for a total of \$3,000. She also reported they will be placing a bench east of the Columbarium. Tomlinson reported she would be meeting with the Tribune on an article for the Columbarium. Mayor Dolezal asked about the T on the Columbarium arch. Tomlinson reported she would be meeting with the Cemetery Board regarding this. Mayor Dolezal reported he has received negative feedback. Councilman Kring reported it is the Greek letter for "Tau Cross".

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported all signs are posted at the Wilson Street pond; we might approach different signage in the Spring. She also reported clean up of the Scout Woods is being discussed and plans are being made for Public Works Manager Terry and herself would be heading that project up. Tomlinson reported some configuration changes to the Creek Project and Trail project were discussed at the Park Board meeting. This may change the location of the existing shuffleboard. She also reported she has hired one band for the 2021 Concerts in the Park. Tomlinson reported she would be helping Dick Parker, Park Board President with the 5-Year Master Plan for the Park. She also reported she received a call on Saturday that the furnace at the Scout Cabin went out. She will be budgeting a new furnace next year; the current furnace is 20-years old.

Planning Dept. – Enforcement Division: Enforcement Division Coker reported Bldg. Commissioner Niblick didn't have a permit report for the meeting. She also reported the Enforcement report for December was slow. There were three complaints in the City and two were closed and one she still needs to meet with the complaint. Coker reported YTD there were 148 new complaints in 2020 and from 50-75 are shuffled over from year to

year. Mayor Dolezal asked if at some point can we get the open cases accumulated by themselves. Coker reported she would try to get that report figured out. A question was asked about 127 N. Main Street, old TDS building. Coker advised she needs to look at it. Mayor Dolezal reported we need to be more forceful when we except clean up. Maybe two notices need to go out. He also reported the letter needs to be more forceful. Councilman Kring reported the letter Commissioner Niblick sent doesn't address we need this cleaned up. There was a brief discussion regarding the Cunningham property. Coker reported on 208 E. Jefferson she spoke to Attorney Thomas White and gave him the Mayor's phone number. She also reported the Attorney asked if the City was interested in purchasing the property. Coker reported the Attorney is to let her know the property owner needs to attend a BOW meeting for an administrative hearing. She also stated this can't exist the way it is right now. The owner will be here or will have a resolution by then. Coker reported whether it is in probate or not it is in violation. Councilman Kring reported the Needlers building needs to be addressed, the mold, structural damage, and violation of sign ordinance. The sign would be under sign ordinance and the building code sends the building inspector for the other violations. Ms. Sharon Teuscher asked who owns Needlers? Councilman Kring reported Tipton Investment Property, out of Cincinnati.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported you have the monthly BOW report with the daily activities. He requested the BOW approval the addition to the fee structure for the Street Alley and Sidewalk cuts. Terry reported Vectren stated their fee structure is extremely high compared to other communities He also reported earlier in 2020 the design standards were updated. The street, alley, and sidewalk repair certain standards, since we have the design standard in place, we need to look at the fees, we need to put a cap on the fee structure of \$20,000 because large project the capping would help since we have the design standards. Mayor Dolezal reported this has prevented large scale projects in the community. Terry reported yes, they have waited on projects. He also reported this will help the taxpayer as well. Mayor Dolezal reported an inspection is required and must be done to our standards. Councilman Rippey asked about the ordinance. Public Works Manager Terry reported the fees are not discussed in the ordinance. The permit fee structure needs to have a cap. It was reported we will check with City Attorney Quigley. Public Works Manager Terry reported he wanted to provide the BOW with a look back at 2020 and what was completed. He also reported they completed the construction project at the City Pool, the first half of the year was a success and opened the pool in July and we plan on opening the pool in May of 2021. Terry reported the Street Department demolished the house at 460 N. West Street. He also reported we worked on the Park on Wilson Street, and reshaped the banks of the pond, seeded and straw blanket the banks of the pond. Terry reported we seal-coated and restriped the parking lot at the Pool. He also reported the Design Standards were implemented for Street, Alley and Sidewalk cuts. In the Sidewalk Program in 2020 we had 21 new sidewalks, 2019 we had 15 sidewalks, 2018 we had two sidewalks and in 2017 we had five sidewalks. The result of the 2019 restructuring of the Sidewalk Program made it easier for residents to redo their sidewalks. Terry reported we done mud jacking on North Street sidewalks from Main Street to Ash

Street. He also reported the trash and recycling, curbside trash was 1,632 ton, and 2017-2019 it was close to 1,450 a ton each year. Recycling curbside pickup was 258 tons and 2017-2019 it was around 210 tons. The dumpster for extra trash pickup there were 71 dumpsters at 445 tons, there were eight more dumpsters than the previous year. Terry reported there were 548 extra trash pickups called in. He also reported there was a lot of street paving going on in 2020, We paved 11.556 miles in 2020, which was 130 street sections. Typically, we pave 2.5 miles without grants for 18 street sections. We started passer rating the streets, 1-10 with 10 being excellent after being paved. In 2017 the average rating was 4.7, in 2018 the average rating was 6.1 and in 2020 the average rating was 6.2. The goals are what efforts need to be done, we are moving in the right direction with CCG (Community Crossing Grants) and our local match. Terry reported thought that the information he provided was a fun thing from the Street Department. Mayor Dolezal reported you worked hard in 2020, he gave Terry credit along with his team credit. There was a brief discussion about the new Mayor and Councilmembers along with the pandemic and closing the Park and Pool etc. We have a better understanding and looking forward to 2021. Councilman Kring reported if we got rid of the 71 dumpsters for the bulk trash, along with the dumpster fee and landfill fess. Terry reported in 2019 and 2020 we undershot the dollar amount for trash. There was a brief discussion regarding extra trash pickup and possibly updating the trash can ordinance. Terry reported we need to recap the cost. Councilman Kring reported your department goes above and beyond, with limited staff and broken equipment and beyond the scope of work. Kudos to you and making it more efficient. We need to update the extra trash can ordinance.

#### Mayor's Report:

Fire Dept. – New Hire: Chief Bitner reported we had an interview last Wednesday and he recommended to the Board to hire Joshua Smiles pending Public Safety Medical and passing the physical. Mayor Dolezal reported there were four well-qualified candidates. Councilman Kring made a motion to approved Chief Bitner's recommendation to hire Joshua Smiles pending Public Safety Medical and passing the physical, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Chief Bitner reported there is a new hire agreement with a 36-month declining value. Councilman Kring asked if City Attorney Quigley come up with this. Chief Bitner reported right now Global's turn-out gear for the new hire is at the 2020 pricing until the end of February. The jacket, pants, boots, and hood should be the same. Mayor Dolezal reported he would like to run the agreement past City Attorney Quigley one last time. Chief Bitner reported that all candidates were okay with signing the agreement. It was also reported we will offer the other three candidates a part-time position and see if they are interested. Ms. Teuscher asked what happens to the equipment if an employee resigns and moves on. Mayor Dolezal reported it goes into excess. Chief Bitner reported if not old and it can be used it goes part-time. We reuse as much as possible without putting anyone at risk.

Mayor Dolezal reported if you are interested in the COVID vaccine shot you need to talk to the Health Dept. Any excess shots they will go by a list of people who want the vaccine. You

need to talk to Connie or Lindsey at the Health Dept. He also reported the Surveyor and himself would be going over the details of the modification of the trails. Public Works Manager Terry reported he would be meeting with Surveyor Henderson today as well regarding the removal of trees.

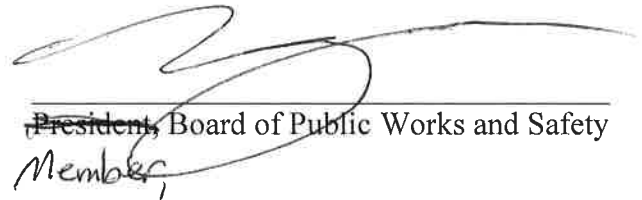
Mrs. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune reported the Board meeting is not on the calendar on the website for tonight. Mayor Dolezal reported we will try to do better but can't guarantee it will get done today.

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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