

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on January 25, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Councilmen Kring and Rippy and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ramsey. Mayor Dolezal was a call in.

Others: Kegan Schmicker, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Sherry Landseadel, Jeff Stout and Joe Bitner.

Councilman Kring opened January 25, 2021, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve January 11, 2021, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Bitner reported you to have the December monthly report and 2020 year-end reports. Runs were down in Spring but are picking back up. He also reported 70% of the runs are in the City. Chief Bitner reported Firefighter Carrillo, a Reserve was called to DC from the 13th to the 24th but they extended the duty until the 28th. This affects one more duty day for him, but it will be taken care of. He also reported new hire Josh Smiles went to Public Safety on Wednesday, January 20th, and we should have the results by next week. Chief Bitner reported the preconstruction meeting on the engine was last Thursday in South Haven, MI. The order was put in and it will be 8-9 months for the chassis. They will get the pumper ready and once the chassis arrives it will be three months for the new engine to be ready. Councilman Kring asked for an update on the ambulance. Chief Bitner reported it will be 90-120 days for an ambulance to be ready, the chassis was in stock. Councilman Rippy asked about the building maintenance. Chief Bitner reported the cleaning was completed on the HVAC. The bulk of the work was done in one day. He also reported there were minimal cleanup and not a lot of disruption. Chief Bitner reported the ambulance that was down we called someone on Monday to see if they could fix it and they were able to fix it, they had it for three days and it cost only \$700, so that will increase the trade-in.

Police: Chief Stout reported you have the monthly and yearly stats. He also reported the four (4) Ford Explorers will be available by March 1st and the Ford F150 will be out a little longer. Stout advised Tipton Ford if it was going to be towards the end of the year then we will order an explorer. Councilman Kring asked if the Explorers would be unmarked. Chief Stout reported the Explorers would be marked and the truck will be unmarked. He also reported the decals are being done by Hoosier Sign Guy for \$3,900. There was a

couple of changes to the decals, but it will look nice. Chief Stout reported the equipment for the vehicles will be installed by Eastside Outfitters of Greentown. The total cost for equipment, window tent, radars and decals are \$44,880.66 for everything. He also reported the physical fitness testing for the new applicants will be this Saturday, January 30th. There are 10 applicants, two waived because they had the Academy, and one female can't make it so there is a potential of seven testings. Then whoever passes the physical fitness will do the written test Saturday afternoon. Councilman Kring reported there is a draft resolution going to the Council this evening to appoint a Board to look at the Public Safety building and all public properties. This is a long-term plan with official committees on City properties. The Mayor and City Engineer will be on that. He also reported he would let them know who the Board will consist of. Councilman Kring reported there is probably mold in the HVAC system at least we are taking care of it by having it cleaned and working on having a plan.

Planning/Enforcement Division: Mayor Dolezal reported we are in contact with a couple of property owners to have the building taken down or sold.


Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about the Needlers situation. Councilman Kring reported Enforcement Division Coker, Inspector Vautaw and the Mayor are in communication with Needlers, we are heading in the right direction. Councilman Rippey reported Mr. Jones told him we are moving forward.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippey called for adjournment, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety