

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on February 8, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Sherry Landseadel, Diana Tomlinson, Judy Coker, Steve Niblick, Brayden Clark, Cole Jackson, Mike Terry, Bob Edinger, Abby Ripberger and Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune.

Mayor Dolezal opened the February 8, 2021 BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the January 25, 2020, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Food Truck/Farmers Market – Abby Ripberger: Ms. Ripberger reported she owns For The Love of Food Truck and would like permission to use the City Parking lot on Wednesday afternoon from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and Saturday's during Farmer's Market extending it to 3 p.m. Mayor Dolezal asked if she had spoken with Bob with Farmer's Market and if she filled out a street closure form. Ripberger stated no she came here to see what she needed to do. She also reported she didn't care whether it was the parking lot or on the Street. Ripberger reported she would like to start in March and go through August. They are also doing some Festivals this year She also reported she has to formalize details with the Health Dept. 30 days in advance. Mayor Dolezal reported she needs to work with Farmers Market. Public Works Manager Terry reported to stop by the Street Dept. to fill out a Street closure application. He also reported on Wednesday you wouldn't want to put any businesses out. Ripberger reported it is a camper and would only use two parking spaces. Councilman Kring reported we want to compromise or set a precedent, using a public space for free, since it is not on private property. Ripberger reported they pay a fee to operate the entire year in any other County. She also reported Cicero has a small fee. It was reported Tipton doesn't currently have an ordinance and on private property there is no fee. Councilman Kring reported Farmers Market you don't pay a fee, but no one is cooking on site. Maybe, we need a nominal fee. There was a brief discussion on the food truck and where they work out of. Ripberger reported the Food Truck vendors that Tipton Main Street had on Thursday's were incredible. Mayor Dolezal reported the next step would be to fill out the Street Closure form.

Street Closure – Tipton on Tap Festival: Public Works Manager Terry reported Tipton on Tap Festival is July 10th we are requesting to close Court Street from Jefferson to Madison and Madison Street from Main to Independence. He also gave an overview of Indy on Tap. You can purchase tickets the day of or in advance. Terry reported the County Commissioners approved the request to use the Courthouse Lawn, parking lot and restrooms in the Courthouse. He also reported the special food event that day will be at the Elks. Terry reported that day there is a lot going on with Horton's and shops on N.

Main Street. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the Street closure application for July 10, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mr. Edinger asked if they would still be able to have Farmer Market. Public Works Manager Terry reported yes, and he advised them of this. Edinger asked if there would be access to Court Street. Terry reported yes and there would be barricades. Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune reported she was asked several questions about the event, what charity get the money made? Mayor Dolezal reported it has not been designated yet. Boyd asked how much to expect, will there be extra security and bathrooms. It was reported IN on Tap takes care of all event activities. We will check with Police Chief Stout on the extra security but IN on Tap would take care of it. Councilman Kring reported it is not where people go hog wild and IN on Tap hasn't had a single issue. Boyd asked if the Health Dept. approves it. Mayor Dolezal reported they are aware of it but not on the final design. It was reported IN on Tap submits a Health Safety Plan through the Board of Health, they will have hand sanitizer stations and masks, etc.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson reported there were four burials, no cremations and four lot sales for a total of \$2,800. Councilman Rippy asked about the columbarium arch. Tomlinson reported it is going to be fixed.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported three concerts have been booked, May 15th – The Flying Toasters, June 26th – 45 RPM and August 14th - Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band. She also reported there are two more bands to book yet. Tomlinson reported the Baseball League contract for this year was signed at the Park Board meeting. She also reported the Five-Year Plan was updated and given to Park Board President Parker for additional information to be added. Tomlinson reported the Parks Dept. will be starting to maintain the area known as the Scout Woods. Mayor Dolezal reported the Scouts had limitations in the Scout Woods, such as West Nile and limb concerns. We proposed to look for a better spot for them to use, maybe Mattingly property. Mayor Dolezal thanked Tomlinson for all the work with the Scout Woods.

Planning Department - Enforcement Division: Planning Commissioner Niblick handed out the January permit report and reviewed it with the Board. He also reported the City BZA meeting for Wednesday at 6 p.m. had one petition and the City Planning will not meet on Thursday but will have a Training Session on the steps taken on permits, etc., how to handle complaints. This training session will be a zoom training. The Enforcement Division Coker reviewed the January reports. She also reported there are seven new complaints, a lot with building without a permit. Coker reported we have closed quite a few, and a few are open being monitored. Mayor Dolezal asked about the letter on vacant buildings. Niblick reported the initial letter was to all town business owners and focusing on vacant buildings. Mayor Dolezal reported there are a dozen businesses that need the letter sent to them. It was reported a letter will be sent out before next meeting. Councilman Kring reported you don't need our approval for the first letter. Mayor Dolezal reported the letters get responses. Coker reported they would work on the letter. Mayor Dolezal asked if they wanted him to look at the list. He also reported to draw up


the letter and make sure it has teeth in it to improve property. Councilman Kring asked about the Baxter property do you have proof she sold it. Coker reported she is working on it. She also reported if the other person bought it, they will do a great job with the remodel and it will take a lot of houses off her plate. It was reported the Kork & Keg will hopefully repair the sign soon. Mayor Dolezal thanked Coker and told her to keep it up.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported they have received wonderful comments on moving the wet snow. He also reported it is a heavy wet snow, which is causing people a lot of issues, but at this point it has been a success. Terry reported the trash truck went down and it is an ERG issue. We hope to have it back by this afternoon or tomorrow. He also reported the majority of the crew is picking up trash with the old trash truck. We have a good crew, and he hopes there will be no big snow event. Terry reported he applied for two Community Crossing Grants in January is up to one million and the grant match is 25%. The match is MVH money. He also reported some streets need more. Example is Maple Street needs subsurface issues. The total mileage of paving is down. Terry reported the salt supply is in good shape and don't expect any issues of being short. Mayor Dolezal stated to express the appreciation to the Department. We are blessed with a lot of dedicated City employees. Thank them. Ms. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about cleaning sidewalks in town to school. Mayor Dolezal reported Main and Jefferson are clean from West to Independence. Terry reported the route to the school was done on Monday, it is a challenge with the State going by and pushing the snow back on the sidewalk. Mayor Dolezal thanked the extra help and thanked the businesses from being patient and helping as well.

Mr. Bob Edinger reported he went to the Cemetery to look at the arch and he asked what the problem is. It was reported the arch came back with a "T" that wasn't on the plan. Councilman Rippy reported it wasn't a problem, but it wasn't in the plan, tacky, not what we ordered. The question was asked if we are paying for it. Tomlinson reported oh, no. Edinger reported he though the "T" was for Tipton.

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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