City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on July 26, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Jeff Stout, Ken Ehman, Sharon Teuscher, Joe Bitner, Judy Coker, Sherry Landseadel and Mike Terry.

Mayor Dolezal opened the July 26, 2021, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the July 12, 2021, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

## Old Business:

Approval of Paving Bids for 2021 Community Crossing Paving Project: Public Works Manager Terry reported that INDOT advised him of the paving project on SR 28 from Ash Street headed east starting next Monday. He also reported they are maintaining two lanes of traffic. The project should take a day or two. Chief Stout asked how far east. Terry reported he wasn't sure yet. Public Works Manager reported we opened bids last BOW meeting and the lowest bid was Midwest Paving in the amount of \$328,580.48. The City Engineer inspected all the bid documents, and everything is in order. Public Works Manager Terry and City Engineer Mahan recommend Midwest Paving bid. He also reported the City Engineer estimate was \$369,820.50 and that was the amount we budgeted. Councilman Kring made a motion to accept the Midwest Paving bid in the amount of \$328,580.48, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal asked if Terry had experience with Midwest Paving. Terry reported they have done work throughout the County, and they are a highly qualified contractor.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Bitner recognized everyone that helped with the missing child. They all done a great job and it was a good outcome. He asked if there were any questions on the monthly report. Bitner reported they are typical run numbers. He also reported the fireworks there was no major issues. Bitner reported two guys have completed the first semester of paramedic class last week. They are using them as curve setters for some of the test. He also reported the Fire Dept. last Friday moved back packs from Tim's One to the 4-H Building. It was a successful event and a good time helping the community. Chief Bitner reported Firefighter Frazier request to move to Elwood to take care of parents. It would be for no more than a year. He also reported from the Dept. to parent's house is 10 miles. Chief Bitner reported he didn't have issues with it but would check with the BOW. He also reported he is looking at retiring in 6 months to a year. Mayor Dolezal reported we need to formalize the procedure. Chief Bitner reported we need to set a deadline a year from today max and get something in writing and have him sign it. Councilman Kring asked what his official address would be changed to and reason. Mayor Dolezal asked

what happens if something hasn't taken place. Bitner asked the status of the Public Safety Building. He also reported in 7-8 months the new engine will be here and there is zero room for the new engine and old engine. We can't keep it outside. Bitner reported Cripes Auction will auction off the old ambulance and old utility (fire) truck at no fees. We can add a reserve, but Cripe wants the money receipted back into the Fire Dept. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported we would have to do an additional appropriation. Councilman Kring reported nothing can be done in eight months. There was a brief discussion regarding keeping it and what affect it has on the ISO rating.

Police: Chief Stout reported the incident regarding the child missing could have been bad but with all the help we had a good ending. He also reported Office Hoycus resigned on July 14<sup>th</sup> and Sgt. Stansberry gave his two-week notice with his final working day be August 6<sup>th</sup>. Stout reported we have obtained the Dodge Durango. He also reported they will be tenting the windows; Hoosier Sign Guy will be doing the decals and the equipment has been ordered by American Eagle. Chief Stout reported we are doing an internal application process within City Departments for the CSO opening, they are to be turned in by the end of the week. If no response, then we will push it to the public. He also reported the Trial Program on the living restrictions (30 mile from City, the lateral transfer and new hire agreement. Councilman Kring asked if CSO Alley was full-time and if he would be down three officers in August. Chief Stout reported Alley is full-time but is not a Police Officer and the other two are Police Officers. There was a brief discussion regarding overtime.

Enforcement Division – 802 Oak Street: Enforcement Division, Judy Coker gave a summary of the timeline on 802 Oak Street. There was a lengthy discussion regarding demolition, condemnation, and unsafe structure. Councilman Kring suggested for City Attorney Quigley to attend the next BOW meeting to answer some questions. There was a brief discussion regarding 208 Jefferson Street. Councilman Kring made a motion to have Mr. Jones, 802 Oak Street appear at the next BOW meeting, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal reported he would speak to City Attorney Quigley and get the steps regarding condemnation, demolition, and unsafe structure process. Mayor Dolezal and Councilman Kring thanked Coker for her hard work, you do a tremendous job and staying focused on the different properties. Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about 208 E. Jefferson St., brick coming from the building. Councilman Kring reported the brick was thrown from inside the building to outside. Chief Stout reported Friday or Saturday they had to do a building check because the attorney was there, and he wanted the building to be checked before he went inside. Coker reported it was on Friday around 4 p.m.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher stated she wanted to end on a positive note. She wanted to thank Needlers, McCormack's and the Tribune on the Tipton Beautiful Pride Award. This has been a wonderful thing; it is beauty in the yards and flowers. Teuscher reported next year we are going to start early on promoting this. Mayor Dolezal reported this is a tremendous program. He stated there is a lot of things beautiful in the community. We are working

together getting things done. Teuscher reported they are posting signs in people yards and the neighbors are getting permission to have pictures taken with the signs.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Kring 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