

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on October 25, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Michelle Owens, Kegan Schmicker, Joe Bitner, Dick Klein, Abby Ripberger, Lindsey Ogden, Jeffrey Ogden, and Brad Robins.

Mayor Dolezal opened the October 25, 2021, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the October 25, 2021, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman reported the October 12, 2021, GAC minutes are enclosed. He stated there has been some Cicero Creek activity. Councilman Ehman commented they are reviewing new batteries for the carts and possible free cart rental for City employees.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler stated the Committee met on October 15, 2021, in attendance were Councilman Ehman, Mayor Dolezal, Jan Smith, County Council Harpel, and himself, good things are happening.

DSW: Councilman Kring commented the Board met today. They discussed the fees they are charging, and they are doing an analysis/plan on the orange bag program to bring back to the Board to consider.

Street, Alley, and Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman stated we won't rehash what we just had in the public hearing regarding the street width and parking. He also stated for the Sidewalk Program we have 10 people for next year. Councilman Ehman stated we need to produce an option for current residents that are not interested to fund but the sidewalk needs replaced.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford commented October 14, 2021, Planning minutes are enclosed. She also commented on a few of the items.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler commented the October 18, 2021, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also commented on some of the items that were discussed at the meeting.

Youth Council: Councilman Ehman stated the Youth Council met today, October 25, 2021. He also stated the young want to see people be progressive and want to see the city move

forward. Mayor Dolezal commented there were good questions and feedback. They stressed things they would like to see happen, involvement and engagement.

New Business:

Fire Department Recruitment: Chief Bitner stated they are currently running an application process and have one week left. There have been eight applications picked up and only one valid application. He also stated he received a phone call asking about the living restrictions and the lateral transfer. He believes this is because of the increase in the pension base, he thinks a couple of them might be interested in coming to Tipton if their time and longevity stayed with them. Chief Bitner stated we have one current opening (Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated for 2022) and two possible retiring in 2022. He also stated he would like to transfer the years to longevity and the salary tier. There was a brief discussion on the numbers and what was budgeted for 2022. Councilman Kring stated to let Chief Bitner advertise and then we will work the numbers. Mayor Dolezal stated if it's the consensus of the Council with the transfer of years to longevity and salary tier then we will prepare an ordinance or resolution. Councilman Kring made a motion to allow Chief Bitner to advertise for the transfer of years of service to longevity and salary tier with the expectation it would be available when hired, seconded by Councilman Rippy. It was stated it could be someone that doesn't even fit. The motion was passed with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal commented we are still having a meeting regarding residential development, senior housing, and multi-family housing. He also commented the shelving project approval is this week with the anticipation of construction starting in November. Ms. Boyd with Tipton Tribune stated depending on if the funding comes through. It was stated we should hear by Wednesday about the funding. Mayor Dolezal stated the County Surveyor took the lead in securing the grant to save the taxpayer money.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Ordinance 2021-14 – An Ordinance To Amend Article XI, Section 9-403, Of The City Of Tipton Municipal Code (Stop Signs): Mayor Dolezal commented we had a great discussion at the public hearing earlier. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-14 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2021-15 – An Ordinance To Amend Article XI, Section 9-404, Of The City Of Tipton Municipal Code (No Parking or Parking Limitation Signs): Mayor Dolezal stated we had great input on no parking, he would like to set it aside for further discussion. Councilman Chandler made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-15 for further discussion or revisions to a later date, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 169670-169684 for \$476,630.07, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials:

Councilman Chandler congratulated Evan Long and the Girls Soccer Team for their Regional wins. They didn't go further but they represented the community well.

Councilman Rippy asked about the INDOT work in front of the school, it was to be complete by the second week of November. Utility Boardmember Klein stated they discussed this at the Commissioners meeting and they are not having any luck getting them to move. Chief Bitner stated this was at the SE corner of 28 & 31.

Mr. Jeffrey Ogden, President of Tipton Professional Firefighters Association Local 1979, read a letter addressed to the Mayor, City Council Members, and Clerk-Treasurer on behalf of Local 1979 (see attached). In closing, he thanked them again and stated they look forward to continuing working with them in 2022. Chief Bitner stated we are here to work together.

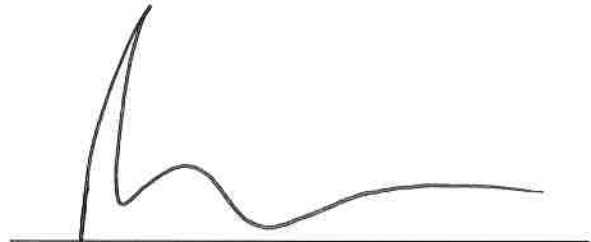
Mr. Kegan Schmicker, Chamber of Commerce Director, commented he attended a meeting at the Foundation regarding broadband. He also commented there was some fascinating information and data. Schmicker stated the State is allowing residents to raise their hands regarding not adequate service for their needs. The meeting was highly informative. Councilman Kring stated it sounds like the State is going to consider broadband as water and sewer. Schmicker stated it is not an adequate service and they are moving in direction of classifying broadband as a utility.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Chandler called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President

Tipton



LOCAL 1979

To: Mayor, City Council Members, and Clerk-Treasurer

Date: Oct. 25, 2021

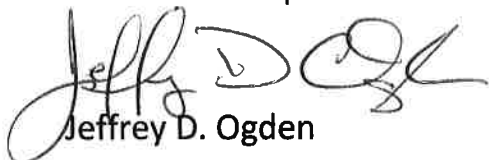
I'm here tonight to present this letter to the Mayor, Council Members and Clerk-Treasurer on behalf of Tipton Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 1979. We would like to extend our gratitude, for all the hard work you did for the 2022 City Budget. As you might recall, we came before you in March with issues we were facing and concerns. At the time it was talk with very little action, but we remained hopeful for a solution. I will say, coming to the budget hearings, asking questions and looking at the city budget as whole, has taught me a lot and opened my eyes on the challenges the City of Tipton faces.

With the hard work you put into budget, especially Fire and Police lines, we are hopeful for a solution to the problems we are facing. You took the time, listened to our concerns and addressed the areas that we thought need work. We hope with the salary increase and pension increase, we can retain the members as well as attract new applicants to Tipton.

In closing, thank you again for the work you have done. We look forward to continue working with you in 2022.

Thank you,

President of Tipton Local 1979



Jeffrey D. Ogden