

City of Tipton Common Council Public Hearing 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: Mike Terry, Scott Reecer, Dick Klein, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Joe Bitner, Beverly Hudson, Barb Lockard, Nancy Silvey, Becky and Jay Holbrook, Lou Ann Millett, Carla Boyd, Mike and Donna Phillips, Michelle Owens, Sherrill Gunn, Joe Bitner, Lindsey Ogden, Jeffrey Ogden, Abby Ripberger, and Kegan Schmicker.

Mayor Dolezal opened the October 25, 2021, public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Ordinance 2021-14 – Stop Signs and Ordinance 2021-15 – No Parking or Parking Limitation Signs. He also stated we want public input, this has been discussed at the Street, Alley and Sidewalk meetings the last 20 months regarding traffic improvement and safety and it is not set in stone. We are trying to get standards before some future development. Mayor Dolezal commented if you like to comment, state your name, and address and limit your comment to 2-3 minutes. He gave a quick overview of the Ordinances. Mayor Dolezal advised the no parking on Madison and West Street was removed but are pieces to consider later, we are trying to make it more friendly to pedestrian and bike flow from downtown to the park.

Mr. Scott Reecer, Southwood Drive, stated every subdivision are different but this subdivision consists of 70–80-year-olds, and these changes could affect a lot of those people. He commented the streets are tight for emergency equipment, snow removal, and where the mailboxes are located. Mr. Reecer addressed some of his concerns and suggestions regarding no parking on both sides, no parking on one side, making it a one-way street, and moving the mailboxes.

Ms. Beverly Hudson, Southwood Drive, commented on allowing parking on the one-side street because if it is both sides it is hard to get through. She also stated having Harland as no parking causes the houses in the cul-de-sac that has people visiting would park along Harland or Southwood Drive. Ms. Hudson stated the maintenance lawn care park along Harland.

Ms. Lou Ann Millett, Buttonwood, stated she doesn't live there but what happens if you park on one side of the street? The Street Dept. would need to get the trash and recycle pick up and if there are so many cars on that side how will the truck be able to get it.

Mr. Jay Holbrook, Park Road, commented his concern is with no parking on Harland, when the apartment complex is built there will be less parking, and the maintenance men park on Harland instead of the cul-de-sac, make it one way no parking.

Ms. Sherrill Gunn, Southwood, stated her concern is no parking there are senior citizens and if you move mailboxes, what is the difference between the 400-block vs the 300-block.

Ms. Nancy Silvey, W. St. Rd. 28, stated her parent's home is on Southwood. She stated we just need to make sure there is place for people who mow and during the Holidays. She also stated four cars fit in the driveway but if you could make at least one side no parking that would be better than none. It is an elderly area out there and you don't see a lot of cars on the street.

Ms. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune stated is the reason behind future development in that area other than the Senior Apartments. Mayor Dolezal stated there are several lots, it is nothing, we want to get the width of the streets we want to propose where we should go because there are several streets that are too small for safe travels. He also stated we want to set standards for the next subdivision.

Mayor Dolezal asked if anyone else would like to comment. There was no one else who commented.

Councilman Rippey made a motion to close the public comment portion of the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Councilwoman Hufford asked why certain streets were picked out and who picked them. Mayor Dolezal stated Public Works Manager Terry, Police Chief Stout, Fire Chief Bitner, and two Council appointments. Councilman Rippey stated public safety is a concern with firetrucks and ambulances getting through, with elderly people out there and plowing snow. He also stated having one side is better than both. Councilwoman Hufford stated the Depts Heads have discussed this for 20 months. Mayor Dolezal state we meet monthly, and it is a reoccurring discussion. Rosie, Betty Way, and Barr Court are so narrow. Councilwoman Hufford stated if the verbiage was cleaned up and more precise, so we know what we are voting for.

Councilman Kring stated he has had more feedback on the parking issue. The main comments were to allow parking on the west side of Harland and the south side of Southwood because of the turn.

Councilman Ehman commented the street widths need to be certain requirements, we have to start addressing them, also if we standards then the developers know what the expectations are. We need to get up and down certain streets and we have to have a starting point.

There was a brief discussion regarding the width of certain streets, along with what the parking lane width should be, and the driving lane width should be. Some ideas were given for solutions, but it comes down to enforcement.

Mayor Dolezal stated it looks like we need to refigure it, but the stop signs are the right thing to do at this point and consider it at the Council meeting. Councilman Kring stated he

appreciated the feedback. The team needs to address the issues. Public Works Manager stated he appreciated Ms. Millet's comment about trash and recycling totes.

Mr. Reecer stated we need to investigate the mailbox situation and make it a walking route. Mayor Dolezal stated he would investigate this.

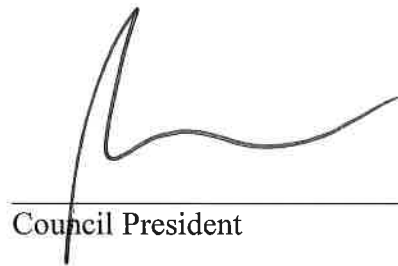
Mayor Dolezal commented this wraps up the hearing portion it is 5:55 we have three minutes then we will go open the Council meeting. Councilman Rippey stated he appreciated seeing everyone here.

Adjournment, with no further business the Public Hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President