

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on June 27, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Jennifer Richey, Cara Kellerman, Susan McKinney, Dick Klein, Brad Whitman, Mike Bollman, Richard Martin, Debbie Martin, Amanda Mendenhall, Dick Parker, Rob Cochran, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune.

Mayor Dolezal opened June 27, 2022, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve June 13, 2022, minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. Councilwoman Hufford voted against it.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the June 27, 2022, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman commented June 14, 2022, GAC minutes are enclosed. He also commented the Creek Project has been completed on the Golf Course side and it looks better than he thought. There were only two tees adjusted.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler stated they didn't meet and will resume in July.

DSW: Councilman Kring commented they went over the final details on the budget. He also commented they are working out the details on the school recycling and have switched the recycling vendor. Councilman Kring stated Director Heron does a great job. Mayor Dolezal stated the goal is to get recycle containers at both schools.

SAS: Councilman Rippey stated the Committee met on June 16th and discussed the sidewalk program (16 applicants), the east pool parking lot, the Library pedestrian crossing they are not putting back in, no parking signs on one side, the Community Crossing Grant, clearing up the Vectren projects they had ongoing, and working on alley maintenance.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford commented they met on June 9, 2022, one member was absent, and they went over staff reports. She also commented the two public hearings were canceled for the BZA and will be having a special meeting on June 22, 2022, at 6 p.m. The appointment to the BZA has been deadlocked and they will attempt at the next meeting on July 14, 2022.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated June 20, 2022, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He highlighted some items discussed at the meeting.

Small Business Roundtable: Councilman Chandler commented the roundtable went well, the small owners addressed what is going well and some of their challenges. He also commented we will have another meeting at the end of summer.

Humane Society: Councilman Chandler stated the feasibility study was completed and he presented information to the Board of Commissioners and County Council, and they seemed favorable. He also stated he would have a presentation for the City Council in late July.

New Business:

RDC Appointment: Mayor Dolezal commented there is a Council appointment available, and he recommends Michael Nasser. Mr. Nasser is a senior at Ball State in Political Science, lives on West Street, is working part-time at the Planning Office and he wants to be involved. Councilwoman Hufford stated she had a recommendation of someone who was on the County BZA, attends a lot of community meetings, and would be a good investment in the community, her nomination was Bob Edinger, and he would accept the nomination, seconded by Councilman Rippey. Mayor Dolezal stated Councilwoman Hufford properly moved to appoint Bob Edinger to the RDC, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Rippey, and Chandler for the appointment. Councilmen Ehman and Kring were against it. The motion carried. Mayor Dolezal stated thanks for accepting the appointment, Bob.

Boys & Girls Club – Amanda Mendenhall: Mrs. Mendenhall thanked the Council for their support and passed out a packet that she reviewed with the Council. She advised the Council she wasn't here for an increase just an update on what is going on at the Club. Councilman Kring asked if they had a total budget for 2023. Mrs. Mendenhall stated not yet but the budget for this year is \$420,000. Councilman Rippey stated we are lucky to have you and Councilwoman Hufford agreed. Councilman Chandler thanked Mendenhall for all she does for the Club.

Encore Center – Cara Kellerman, Jennifer Richey, and Susan McKinney: Mrs. Kellerman thanked the Council for adding them to the agenda. She also recognized SRO Maddox and stated his award was well deserved. Mrs. Kellerman gave a presentation regarding the operating budget of \$175,000, growth in transportation, the occupancy of the Center, and the program and activities they offer. She asked the City to match the \$30,000 funding they receive from the County for 2023 and beyond to help run the program. There was a brief discussion regarding reimbursement of travel with Medicaid and Medicare. Councilwoman Hufford asked what Encore considered a Senior. Mrs. Kellerman stated we go by Area 5 guidelines, 60 and older but the apartment building is 55 and older. There was discussion regarding fuel prices and the operating budget being up quite a bit. Mayor Dolezal asked about COVID restrictions. Mrs. Kellerman stated they follow the health guidelines.

Ordinance change RE: City Trash – Brad Whitman: Mr. Whitman stated he owns a business at 118 W. Madison and since it's a business the Ordinance doesn't allow trash pickup by the City. He would like the ordinance to be amended to allow city trash pickup, you can't have a dumpster in that location. Mr. Whitman stated there are two offices and one residential apartment in that location. There was a brief discussion regarding trash, residential and commercial, and toters. Councilman Kring commented we need to start with an analysis to see if it's feasible. We might need to start with a trial of light retail businesses, use about 10 toters amongst them, and see their use of them during that study. Councilman Chandler stated we need to start with Public Works Manager Terry and see if he would handle the study.

Old Business:

Councilwoman Hufford asked if the Committee was set for the ARP Funds and if so, who is on it. Mayor Dolezal stated it has not been formed yet. She asked if he had a tentative date. Mayor Dolezal stated in the next 60 days. Councilwoman Hufford stated in the Utility notes it said the City pledged one million to them. Mayor Dolezal stated the Committee would be an advisory but it's the decision of the Executive on spending. Councilwoman Hufford questioned if it was the council. Councilman Kring stated nope just the Executive. It was stated the Executive would consider his Council's considerations on spending ARPA money would be favored.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal commented INDOT Open House is Wednesday. They will be discussing projects throughout the State and the impact on Downtown Revitalization. He also stated Cliff Ragan was appointed to the BZA and once the Planning Commission decides their appointment the BZA will be fully staffed.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Ordinance 2022-07 – An Ordinance To Adopt Rate Changes To Reflect The Repeal Of The Utility Receipt Tax: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman. Councilwoman Hufford asked about the Ordinance. Clerk-Treasurer Clark explained the State Legislature passed a law regarding the Repeal of the Utility Receipt Tax. Ordinance 2022-07 was passed with all in favor.

Ordinance 2022-08 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton, Indiana, Correcting An Exhibit To Ordinance 2021-17 (The Legal Description Exhibit provided in Canal Run Annexation included a scrivener's error.) Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilwoman Hufford voted against it.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 171411-171519 for \$591,723.26, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Councilwoman Hufford asked if the Mayor was going to open up Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials. Mayor Dolezal stated yes.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials:


Mr. Richard Martin, Wilson Street, stated at Wilson and Walnut the side ditch is bad and semis are about to roll over on their side and the cover is off the guide wire. Mayor Dolezal stated this was brought up earlier about no semi-traffic signs going South on Wilson Street. There was a brief discussion regarding signs for truck traffic and GPS giving directions. Mr. Martin also complained about "drag racers" on Wilson Street and it not being heavily patrolled.

Adjournment: Councilman Rippey called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President *Member*