

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on September 26, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Benny Frazier, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Sharon Teuscher, Joe Bitner, Jeff Stout, Ken Ehman, Craig Leudeman with HWC Engineering, Doug Fishback, Dick Cherry and Kyle Lueken with HWC Engineering.

Mayor Dolezal opened the September 26, 2022, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Fence permission – Doug Fishback – 302 Columbia (Right of way): Mr. Fishback stated he went before the BZA and received approval for the fence to be six feet tall in the front yard, now he needs permission to build on the City right of way. Mayor asked if there were any other comments. Mr. Fishback stated it was explained if the City would need to do work in the right of way the fence would be taken out and he would have to go along with it. Mayor Dolezal stated the City has to give you a heads-up promptly you have to comply with that. Councilman Kring made a motion to allow the construction of the fence as approved in the BZA and any maintenance or construction in right of way of the fence would be taken down at Mr. Fishback's expense, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

ADA Plan and Implementation Plan – Craig Leudeman with HWC Engineering: Mr. Leudeman stated there have been no more comments to add to the plan, so we approve the plan and then forward it to INDOT so we can go after Federal money. It was reported the County did its plan in 2014 and every three years it has to be updated. If no changes then submit the plan back and if changes update the plan and then submit the plan. Mr. Luedeman stated if you update any buildings or roads let Public Works Manager Terry know so he can update the plan as you go. He also stated the Mayor will sign page 5 of the Implementation Plan and then it will be sent to INDOT. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the ADA Plan and Implementation guidelines as well, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the August monthly report. Councilman Kring asked if the software could break down if ALS was required. Chief Bitner stated he was not aware of it yet. Councilman Kring asked if he could manually track it for a month or two, so we could get a baseline. He also reported the Pork Festival Princess Pageant collected pet food and the Fire Dept. helped load the food for the Humane

Society. Chief Bitner commented that Eli Crane started on September 11, 2022. He has an EMT class scheduled and will complete it in mid-December and the Hazmat class will be completed in mid-October. In January he will start FF1 and FF2. He also commented we should receive Lucas Jones' public safety medical results by October 13. He is already part-time with the City of Tipton. Chief Bitner stated Murray's donated two vehicles so we could do extrication training last week. He also stated FF/EMT Chad Frazier retired on the 24th of September. We wish him well and thank him for his service. Clerk-Treasurer Clark asked if the City of Tipton is doing a repayment contract with EMT or Paramedic classes as we do for new hires. Mayor Dolezal stated he would check with City Attorney Quigley. Chief Bitner stated we have a three-year term for new hires, maybe the investment for Paramedics takes the agreement out five years and EMT use three years. Mayor Dolezal stated let's find out the typical cost for that. He also stated he appreciates all they do in the community and especially for the Pork Festival.

Police: Chief Stout stated the stat numbers are up because of Operation Pull Over. He also stated the hiring process is still going on, and the applications are due back by October 3rd, we have received four back so far, two local (21-year-olds) and two out of County. We have to hire two. Chief Stout commented the FOP and Fire Union had a fish tournament at the Moose, kudos to both of them, they did a great job. He also commented that Safety Pup will be at the school on Wednesday from 8-9:30 for all five First Grade classes. We want them to know we are their friends, there will be 125-130 kids. Chief Stout stated a couple of officers went to the Boys & Girls Club took their vehicles and played basketball and threw a football around with the kids. He also stated both new cars are being outfitted by American Eagle and then the two new guys will slide into the new cars. Chief Stout stated the only issue at the Pork Festival was traffic control issues.

Enforcement Division – Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated he has a concept design for the Downtown Revitalization, and it will go hand in hand with the relinquishment.

Comments:

Mr. Dick Cherry, Tipton stated he is opposed to stop signs without investing the time to see whether they need them or not. Speeding is law enforcement, not stop signs. You lose the effectiveness of those signs if the true problem is speeding. Mayor Dolezal stated he appreciated his point. He also stated the request for stop signs is reviewed amongst Department Heads and needs. Mayor Dolezal stated we check with the resource. Mr. Cherry stated if you just put them up to slow down then there is a false sense of security.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety