

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on October 24, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Joe Bitner, Nancy Silvey, Emily Whaley, Nancy Johnson, Shelly Powell, Kendra Hummel and Abbie Smith.

Mayor Dolezal opened the October 24, 2022, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the October 10, 2022, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Street Closure – December 2nd 4-8 p.m. – Tipton Main Street – Kendra Hummel: Ms. Hummel stated the Street Closure is for Tis the Season Christmas Event. She also stated we all met today, with Street, Police, and Fire and there were no issues. INDOT approved it as well it hasn't been turned over yet. Councilman Kring asked about blocking intersections. Chief Bitner stated they won't have employees, just barricades, and there will be a police car at Madison and at the alley on Main Street. Councilman Kring stated a golf cart at Jefferson and Main Street. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the Street Closure on December 2nd, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Alley Closure – October 30th 5-7 p.m. – West Street Christian Church – Cassidy Sparks: Ms. Nancy Silvey stated the Alley Closure is for Trunk or Treat on October 30th from 5-7 p.m., there will cars with candy and groups with games. The alley would be West to Jefferson Street and the alley on West Street to the alley between West Street and Young-Nichols Funeral Home. She also advised that Young-Nichols is participating in the Trunk or Treat and safety with the people is our concern. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the alley closure for West Street Christian Church, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on September's monthly report. Chief Bitner stated per Councilman Kring's request regarding ALS/BLS. Medic 81 had 34 ALS transports, 26 BLS, and 12 refusals. Ambulance 10 which is only BLS had 9 transports, a minimum of two could have been ALS (cardiac arrests) and 2 refusals. Councilman Rippy asked what you mean by refusals. Chief Bitner stated they don't want transported or they are not hurt and signed off. Chief Bitner commented they inspected St. John's Church and the fire alarm is working properly. Wednesday, November 9th will be their first mass in the church. He also commented they have the master key in the Knox box. Chief Bitner stated they have done multiple Fire Prevention presentations and the pink fire hats are a hit. Great Job. He also stated John Hinds Career Center has a medic class

and a couple of Tipton students are in it. They asked if they could do an ambulance ride from January 2023 to May 2023 in the afternoon from noon to 3 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. We felt this was a great idea. Mayor Dolezal asked if this was done before. Chief Bitner stated no this is the first time they have done this on the medical side. He also stated Probationary FF Matt Nead will have his six months in on December 19th and will earn some vacation. Chief Bitner asked if he could carry his vacation over to the first quarter of 2023. Councilman Kring made a motion to allow Matt Nead to carry four days of vacation to Quarter 1 on 2023, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Chief Bitner stated Probationary FF Colton Howard resigned to go to Westfield and he was two days shy of six months. Councilman Kring asked if he signed an agreement. Chief Bitner stated yes, he did. His gear is going to be shipped to Westfield and they will pay for it. Other items will need to be reimbursed. Chief Bitner stated part-time is only allowed 1560 hours there is one part-time who is willing to work more but is already at the limit can there be a special classification so he could be able to exceed that amount? Councilman Kring asked why not offer full-time employment. Chief Bitner stated he is already full-time elsewhere, works Friday, Saturday and Monday, and is 46 years of age. Clerk-Treasurer Clark about the special classification. Chief Bitner stated he has an email from Unger about a special classification that he would forward to them. He also stated the Fire Department had two cardiac arrests and the Tipton Police Dept. was big help and useful, they were able to get CPR started before we arrived. Chief Bitner commented Chief Stout's officers are doing a great job. Mayor Dolezal stated you are opening the process up, hopefully, you will get a good lead. He also stated there has been a discussion regarding the future Ambulance Contract and what needs to be discussed.

Police: Mayor Dolezal stated Chief Stout asked that we consider releasing William Tipton from probationary, he completed his six months and is doing a tremendous job. Councilman Kring made a motion to release William Tipton from Probation, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal commented Chief Stout is at Jerry Frazier's viewing which is from 12-2 p.m.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated he is continuing work on items with the relinquishment. It is currently on the Attorney General's desk but should be completed by the first of November.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer


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President, Board of Public Works and Safety