

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on February 13, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Benny Frazier, Kegan Schmicker, Bob Edinger, Abbie Smith, Steve Niblick, Mike Terry, Ken Ehman, Diana Tomlinson, Angie Heinzmann, Judy Coker, and Mark Baird.

Mayor Dolezal opened February 13, 2023, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve January 23, 2023, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Tomlinson stated there were five burials, zero cremations, and two lots sold at \$1,400. She also stated they are moving forward with platting, and we have contacted Mr. Wyatt Johnson for this. They will still be able to use the football fields.

Park: Park Superintendent Tomlinson commented the concrete floor in the Pavilion and steps at the Gazebo will be poured this spring. There are five bands scheduled, May 20th, June 24th, July 15th, August 12th, and September 16th. She also commented she and Public Works Manager Terry will be making needed repairs to the basketball courts. The skatepark contract has been signed, the location will be South of the walking bridge inside the park. Tomlinson stated there is a survey on social media regarding your wants for the skatepark. It was reported the base price is 150k, there is a two-step process, initial design, and feasibility study, hopefully, it will be done by end of summer. Councilman Rippy asked if the DNR and Drainage Board approved it. Tomlinson stated not yet.

Planning Dept. – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Niblick reviewed his reports with the Board. He commented the City Planning met Thursday, February 9th, and made their appointments. The City BZA have no petitions and none for March right now. There is one petition for the City Planning Commission. There was a brief discussion regarding vinyl signs. Enforcement Division – Judy Coker stated the first hearing is on 134 E. Jefferson Street – Armstrong property, all the abatements were completed by February 2nd and the Building Inspector stated all the violations have been rectified, there is a doorknob, all units have heat and hot water, GFC, working smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers. She also stated she spoke with multiple units, and they all seem happy with the repairs. Mr. Armstrong added stoves and refrigerators, the case is now closed. Mayor Dolezal asked if Ms. Nasser had everything on the health side. Mrs. Coker stated

the case has been closed. She also stated Mr. Armstrong was very supportive once we were able to talk to him. The next hearing was on 522 N. Conde – Stapleton – Order to appear. Coker stated Mr. Stapleton called the office today, he said he didn't own the property and he was advised that he petitioned the Court for the tax deed as Robert Stapleton, Mgr. She asked for another order to appear. There was a brief discussion regarding the attempt of contacting him in three different ways. Councilman Kring asked Commissioner Niblick if Stapleton called him. Commissioner Niblick stated he asked about the Planning Commission and then after talking to Coker he called back and referenced the Certified letter. There was a brief discussion of the deeded owner and the trust manager of the property. Councilman Kring stated he is ready to do something. Coker stated the building is unsafe and we have done our duty to notify him, on December 15th, January 9th, and January 25th. Mayor Dolezal stated you didn't get any calls prior to today. Coker stated no she didn't. It was reported to confirm with Legal Counsel about placing a lien on the property if it's an unsafe building and we tear it down. She also stated she spoke to Clerk-Treasurer Clark about the money in the Unsafe Building Fund. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated there is 10k that is appropriated for demolition. Coker stated she will contact City Attorney Quigley on this. Councilman Kring made a motion to move forward with the demolition of this property, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Coker commented she would reach out to Quigley today and will give an update at the next BOW meeting. Coker then reviewed the Code Enforcement reports with the Board. She also stated she is not having any luck with the property owner of 134 N. Main Street.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry stated we are waiting on the LPA grant application announcement, which is the first part of March. He also stated the bidding for the 2022 Community Crossing Grant paving project will be in March and then another CCG application process will be in July. The LPA shows which streets need attention next. Terry commented there is a passer rating by a third party that analyzes the street with a rating, and we start at the bottom. The amount of money it cost will depend on what paving we can apply for. He also commented the three for the 2022 CCG is Berryman Pike (Erie to Market), West Street (Jefferson to Erie), and Independence Street (Madison to North). Councilman Rippy asked about West Street. Terry stated it is a brick street. Councilman Rippy stated the blacktop is not thick enough, it deteriorates quickly. Public Works Manager Terry stated they are limited to how thick the asphalt can be and with it being brick there is nothing to bond to. He also stated asphalt doesn't last like it use to. There are a lot of groups looking at different methods to help with the asphalt. Mayor Dolezal asked about the opening date for the Pool. Terry stated the Saturday before Memorial Day and the splash pad a little ahead of that date and if the weather is good. Public Works Manager stated the brush is all grounded up to mulch at the Recycle Center. Mrs. Angela Heinzmann asked about the cost of the mulch. Terry stated there is no cost. Councilman Rippy asked if they brought in a grinder. Public Works Manager Terry stated yes, and the guy ground it up in a day and a half. Mr. Benny Frazier asked about the cost of renting it. Terry stated it was a \$15,000 contract. Councilman Kring stated it was paid by District Solid Waste.

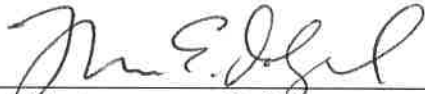
Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated he had a meeting with business owners to discuss the intersections but advised them no decision has been made yet. He also stated he received a lot of good responses and suggestions.

Mrs. Angie Heinzmann stated the survey for the skatepark went to the schools and students at Tipton, Tri-Central, and Heights. The survey ends on the 24th and we have had good responses. It was also stated community members have been nothing but supportive.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Rippey 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