

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on February 27, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Bob Edinger, Ken Ehman, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Benny Frazier, Matt Skiba, Band Director at Tipton High School, Judy Coker, Jeff Stout, Mike Terry, and Joe Bitner.

Mayor Dolezal opened February 27, 2023, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve February 13, 2023, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Councilman Kring stated Councilman Ehman and himself are working on the PSB improvements along with what Davis sent so we can put out RFP's. There are some things that need to be addressed now. We will set a meeting with the Committee once a draft is made of the items.

New Business:

Tipton HS Drum Corps Proposal – Matt Skiba, Band Director: Mr. Skiba presented the proposal for Casper Troops (Drum and Bugle Corps) Spring Training camp in June using the Tipton Community School Corporation facilities. He stated they would be practicing from 9 a.m. to around 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. There was a brief discussion regarding the camp. Chief Bitner requested to leave the driving lanes in the back parking lot of the school clear for emergency vehicles. Mayor Dolezal commented to start at 9 a.m. and wrapping it up by 9 p.m. until closer to the performance. He also commented on Sunday not starting until noon. Mayor Dolezal suggested making a limitation on the turf field being used only on certain hours. Mr. Skiba stated once dinner is ended then they can use the stadium turf. He also stated this is open to the public. Chief Stout asked where they would be staying at. Mr. Skiba stated in the auxiliary gym, the band, and the choir rooms. They will only have access to one section of the school. Mr. Skiba thanked the Board and stated he would pass the information along if anything comes up to let him know.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the January monthly report. There were no questions. He also asked about the GO Bond and Public Safety Building. Chief Bitner stated the bay roof is still leaking so Peter Altherr gave us a quote to reseal the entire roof, but it doesn't take care of the mold. The quote was for \$13,328 to seal it. He also stated the generator at the PSB, fuel tank is rusting and was told it would be easier to replace the whole generator. Councilman Rippy asked what a new generator would cost. Chief Bitner stated he would ask Buckeye Power Service for an estimate on replacing the tank and the generator. He also stated he has two members on sick leave, one has been a month and the other one has been two months. Chief Bitner stated there is an air leak in Ladder 10 that we are trying to get fixed, and Medic 81 needs new tires which are in the

budget. He also stated Asst. Chief Ogden, EMS, and Nancy Cline are reviewing RFPs. Chief Bitner stated the Fire Dept will be opening the new hiring process soon because they still have the 14th position open. The question was asked who is on the EMS Board. Chief Bitner stated one representative from each department. Mayor Dolezal stated he has been to a meeting but is not on the Board. It was reported they used to meet monthly but now it is a quarterly scheduled meeting. Councilman Kring asked when the contract with Seals expires. Chief Bitner stated at the end of this year.

Police: Chief Stout stated the new truck has a title and plates on it and is behind Police Dept. and waiting to get outfitted. He also stated Officer Saltzman resigned on February 4th, 2023, after 14 years with us, and did a lateral transfer to Noblesville. Money and retirement were the issues. Chief Stout commented they are interviewing for the 13th position if the Board recommends tonight then he will get an interview with the BOW. He also commented Officer Dalton Money has completed the 40-hour pre-basic and 99-100 percent on the tests. He is not in the FTO phase and will go to the Academy in August. Chief Stout stated we are looking to get the 911 Advisory Board started up again. Sheriff Tebbe, 911 Director Adam DeWitt from Dispatch, and himself will meet next Monday to get an Advisory Board back. We will reach out to Chief Bitner and the other Chiefs. Chief Stout stated at the Street, Alleys, and Sidewalk meetings there has been discussion about no parking signs on the Wilson Street addition. He showed a map on the TV screen, with a brief discussion regarding the width, etc, and stated his recommendation would be to put no parking signs on the inner circle and the west side of Barr Court. Mayor Dolezal stated it has been discussed for a while, and he will check with City Attorney Quigley on formalizing it. There was a brief discussion on who should make these decisions and how they should be handled.

Enforcement Division: Enforcement Division – Judy Coker gave an update on 522 N. Conde, and stated they have 10 days to appeal but 30 days to demolish on their own. The notice went out on February 24th and they have until March 8, 2023, to appeal and be at the next BOW meeting. Coker commented there is 10K appropriated in the Unsafe Building Fund. Chief Bitner asked if there are holes in the floor. Coker advised yes. Chief Bitner stated he would contact dispatch to let them know that way if there is a fire, they can advise the units that are en route. Coker stated she would work with Public Works Manager Terry on getting it boarded up and then will lien the property. Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked what the demolition date is. Coker stated 30 days from February 24th.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated the Mount Center has a new President, Gary Plumer and we are coordinating a meeting. He also stated Kristen Day is the new Facility Manager hired three to four months ago and is doing a great job managing the facility. Mayor Dolezal commented the RDC had a successful bid on 312 West Street for \$8,500. Mr. Frodge was the successful bidder, he asked for 24 months to build a home but hopes to be done well within 12 months. Mayor Dolezal stated he does a nice job on that type of product.

Mr. Bob Edinger asked regarding the 522 N. Conde if it has to be torn down, who pays for it?

Mayor Dolezal stated a lien would be placed on the property. Mr. Edinger stated the lot could end up owned by the City. He also stated with no parking on Wilson Street indicates anything being built needs to be built with wider streets. Mayor Dolezal stated there are many streets that are not wide enough. We need Standard Guidelines etc. that way if we have a standard then that is what they have to build to. Mr. Edinger stated that would avoid this issue in the future.

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