

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

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilman Kring, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Rippey was not present.

Others: Judy Coker, Bob Edinger, Benny Frazier, Ken Ehman, Erin Shockley, Mike Terry, Abbie Smith – Community Development Director, and Joe Bitner.

Mayor Dolezal opened March 27, 2023, BOW meeting.

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

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

CCMG 2022 Paving Project: Public Works Manager Terry handed out a spreadsheet with the bid totals and stated the Engineer made a recommendation. As of the bid date of March 13th, Ace Paving did not meet the qualification of being pre-qualified through INDOT to bid on this project. Public Works Manager Terry stated City Engineer Mahan and himself recommend Midwest Paving for \$566,031.40. Mayor Dolezal asked if we worked with Midwest Paving before. Terry stated yes, they did last year's work, and it was good quality work. He also stated they are INDOT qualified. Councilman Kring made a motion to accept City Engineer Mahan and Public Works Manager Terry's recommendation of Midwest Paving for \$566,031.40, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor. Public Works Manager Terry commented that they announced the LPA grants and Tipton came back favorable. We will make a public announcement. Mayor Dolezal stated there is no confirmation letter yet, we are waiting on it.

New Business:

Erin Shockley – Farmers Market – Closure Permit: Ms. Erin Shockley requested the closure of the parking lot by Hope Jewelers. She stated she put in a request, and it was approved by all parties. Ms. Shockley commented that they excluded the last two weekends in May and two weekends in September. She also went over the stats for last year and commented that the market is growing. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the Tipton County Farmers' & Artisans Market parking lot closure as described in the application, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Estimates – Demolition – 522 N. Conde Street – Judy Coker: Enforcement Division, Judy Coker stated she received three estimates in sealed envelopes. She also stated she requested six but only three were returned by the deadline of Friday, March 24, 2023. Mayor Dolezal opened the estimates, the first estimate was B&B Earthworks, LLC for \$18,400, the second estimate was Bergman Tiling & Excavating in the amount of \$15,250 and the last estimate was \$17,150. Councilman Kring made a motion to take the three estimates under advisement, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor. Coker stated all the

contractors received the same specifications, demolish the structure, leave the lot in normal condition, grade, and reseed it.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on February monthly report. There was none. He commented that the old engine that Madison Twp has been using should be returned to us by late spring, or early summer. We will have nowhere to store it, we need to look into selling it. Mayor Dolezal asked if we had a firm date. Bitner stated no, they are hoping to have a new engine by May and then they will have to train on it for a month before giving ours back. Mayor Dolezal stated he appreciated the Chief working with the Township. Chief Bitner stated they assisted Cicero Twp. on a house fire on the east side of town. There were hoarder conditions which made it rough. He also stated Cicero Twp. assisted us with a fire on Fourth Street with hoarder conditions as well. Chief Bitner commended TFD and the Township, they did a great job working together. He also stated by the time they were called the fire conditions were out of control, but they did a great job saving the buildings around the house. Chief Bitner commented that the alley is officially closed down behind the Public Safety Building. He also commented there is a path for Police and Fire to get in on the west end, but it is closed to the public. He also commented that the Boys' Basketball Team were Sectional Champs and we escorted them back into town. Chief Bitner stated there was an issue at the Elementary where the construction crew shut down an exit point. Firefighter Webster explained to the school and construction crew that it couldn't be shut down. They were also advised to let Police and Fire know what is shut down in the future for the safety of them, the school kids, and teachers. Chief Bitner commented that the hiring process is still going on they will take applications through Friday, March 31st, and we hope to get good applicants.

Police: Mayor Dolezal stated Captain Nichols is in charge this week, while Chief and Asst. Chief is on vacation.

Enforcement Division – Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated they would have a public meeting on the traffic study, it is penciled in for April 5th. He is hoping HWC will be farther along with the Parking Study. Mayor Dolezal commented on the truck ordinance draft that was forwarded to City Attorney Quigley with some questions. He also commented that the County Surveyor and Big Cicero Creek Drainage Board had done a great job on the shelving project, it worked well, and it was definitely tested this weekend. Mayor Dolezal stated we will be making street improvements throughout the City. He also stated Planning and Zoning will be moving forward with accessory dwelling units and vinyl sign usage.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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President, Board of Public Works and Safety