

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on September 25, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring, and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Dan Miller with HNTB, Cassidy Hunter with HNTB, Mike Bollman, Dick Klein, Holly Horton, Jeffrey Ogden, Tyler Davis, Aaron Hill, Gail Bartley, Rob Cochrane, Deb Bowlby, Benny Frazier, Tim Horton, Kegan Schmicker, Tim Richards, Mike Spurlock, Karen Horton, Kindra Tragesser, Ross Schulenburg, Megan Pore, Roberta Heinzmann, Jim Ankrum, Dave Lacy, Jordan Davis, Abby Ripberger, Jonathan Wallace, and Abbie Smith – Community Development Director.

Mayor Dolezal opened the September 25, 2023, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Mayor Dolezal stated we are moving Asst. Chief Lacy – Police – 12 Hour Pitman Schedule before Board reports.

Police – 12 Hour Pitman Schedule- Asst. Chief Lacy explained the 12-hour Pitman Schedule at two on, two off, three on, two off, two on, three off, with a 14 day rotation. We are looking for four officers and we need a morale booster. According to the Police policy for vacation after six months you get six days, one year 12 days, four years – one day per year. The vacation would go to 12-hour days because their shift changed to a 12 hour shift instead of an eight-hour shift. The 28-day OT cycle is 171 hours in 28 days, anything over that would be time and a half, we would like to get that cycle on the payroll which would be Sunday to Saturday, this would be 1 time adjustment for the additional days on the cycle until October 7th and then it would fall with the payroll. Mayor Dolezal stated you are down four officers, once fully staff will you stay with it. Asst. Chief Lacy stated yes if it boosts morale. and this is technically an internal policy, but we wanted to get the amendment to the policy approved. Councilman Rippy stated this will allow three officers on duty. Lacy stated three officers to each shift. There was a brief discussion on the number of officers we are short. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the Police Personnel Policy, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the September 25, 2023, BOW meeting. Councilman Kring stated we were awarded the bid for the County ALS service. He also stated in the budget we approved two new hires in the Fire Dept. so we approved Chief Bitner to schedule Ross Schulenburg to Public Safety Medical.

GAC: Councilman Ehman stated there was no meeting.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler stated there was no meeting.

DSW: Councilman Kring gave kudos to Director Heron and her staff. He commented that the Recycle Center is taking cardboard and even from businesses and we don't have to pay.

Street, Alley, and Sidewalks: Councilman Ehman stated the INDOT LPA Grant project is potentially being moved up. The CCG application for 2023 is done and has been submitted. He also stated Public Works Manager Terry has contacted and Engineer for the design of the pedestrian crossing and what the signs would look like.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford commented Planning met on September 14th, there was not a lot of business. The ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) and the tattoo parlor were tabled to do research.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated the September 18, 2023, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He highlighted some of the items discussed at the meeting.

Other Board/Committees: Councilman Chandler said only thing he would like to report on the INDOT front there has been some concerns with jake braking on Old SR 28 and Park Road. He has worked with Jane Harper INDOT representative on getting some signage on Park Road and the west side of town that states jake braking is not allowed in the city limits. It's actually a violation of Ordinance Sect. 10-8 not allowed to jake brake in the city limits.

Mayor Dolezal commented that the RDC met on the 19th and we found a buyer on the Second Street residential property and awarded the property too. The RDC received the property and put up for bid offers for the 210-212 Jefferson Street property. If we don't receive any bids for the average of the two appraisals and the terms, then the RDC will open up the desirable bid for those two properties. Madison Street property there were two bids, and we took them under advisement and at the next meeting in October we will make a recommendation on that property, hopefully we will have a buyer for that one as well. Councilwoman Hufford asked which one on Madison. Mayor Dolezal stated Madison and Fourth.

New Business:

ProPEL US 31 South Study – Lisa Wall with HNTB Corporation: Ms. Cassidy Hunter stated she is the Communications Manager for ProPEL US 31 South Study, joined by my colleague Dan Miller who is the Study Manager and Jonathan Wallace the Project Manager with INDOT. She explained what ProPEL study was and then advised them of the work that has been done so far, where we are currently and the next step of the process. Councilwoman Hufford asked for a copy of the presentation. Ms. Hunter asked for her email and advised the Council they can go to ProPELUS31.com and see the videos, along with more detail and public comments. You would want to look at the South Study. Councilman Chandler addressed his concerns about the interchange, and he felt it would

inhibit development in that area. We need INDOT's help. There was a brief discussion regarding the traffic count at Division Road and having a third interchange at 450 North in Sharpville. Mr. Miller stated this has been outstanding we have been working with four teams; the public is really engaged. We should finish the study in the fall of next year.

Trick or Treat Hours: Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the proposed hours are October 30th and 31st from 5-8 p.m. In the BOW the Library is having something on October 31st. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the Trick or Treat Hours for October 30th and 31st from 5-8 p.m., seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal stated Councilwoman Hufford has been asking about purchasing ground. There are three acres at the triangle, the split of Golf Course Road and Jefferson Street. We don't have two appraisals back yet, but we need to purchase three acres for the lift station for the READI Western Connector Project. The first appraisal came in at \$114K, the offering price is \$32,000 an acre. When we get the next appraisal in, you will be asked to support a purchase.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2023-16 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund – Council Budget: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16, seconded by Councilman Ehman. Councilwoman Hufford stated she would be abstaining because she was unable to attend the budget workshops for personal reasons and she won't be voting. Resolution 2023-16 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Resolution 2023-17 – A Resolution Reducing The 2023 Appropriations In The General Fund: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Resolution 2023-17 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Resolution 2023-18 – A Resolution Reducing The 2023 Appropriations In The Local Road and Bridge Fund: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Resolution 2023-18 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Resolution 2023-19 – A Resolution Reducing The 2023 Appropriations In The ARPA Fund: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-19, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Resolution 2023-19 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Resolution 2023-20 - A Resolution Reducing The 2023 Appropriations In The Ambulance Fund: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-20, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Resolution 2023-20 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Mayor Dolezal stated with the Ordinances they will have two readings.

Ordinance 2023-07 – An Ordinance Setting Salaries For Elected Officials For The Year 2024 As Required By IC 36-4-7-2: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-07 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman. Ordinance 2023-07 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Ordinance 2023-08 – An Ordinance Setting The Maximum Salaries, Wages And Other Compensation For Police Officers, Firefighters And All Other Employees Of The City Of Tipton For The Year 2024: Mayor Dolezal stated you will note we have an improvement this year we have set a range for some of those salaries. Mayor Dolezal stated the salaries in the past were the exact amount or the top side for hourly. This may be a case depending on the position held they will not necessarily be receiving the right-hand number on the salary ordinance. He also stated he contends that it's an improvement and he shared that we successfully landed the EMS contract. We put allocations in there depending on where the responsibilities lie for managing that new service in the community, it could be held by the Chief, Asst. Chief, Firefighter in the Department, or someone outside depending on the final decision moving forward. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Ordinance 2023-08 was passed with Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Ordinance 2023-09 – An Ordinance For Form 4 Adopting The 2024 Budget: Mayor Dolezal stated we have gone through the numbers on the budget. Clerk-Treasurer Clark has done a tremendous job on this along with the Council and Dept. Heads to make things balanced. To summarize the employees, we figured a 6 percent raise, they deserve more but we did the best we could. Councilman Kring stated in addition to the 6 percent we done 4 percent match for Civil City, plus last year they had Dental and Vision added to the insurance, the City has one of the best he has seen. They have increased pay, an increase in longevity, plus two firefighters and money set aside for the Public Safety Building. Also, the ALS service is an improvement, and it is great we won that contract, kudos to the Fire Dept. and all the staff. Thanks to Clerk-Treasurer Clark and the Departments. Councilman Chandler stated kudos to his fellow Council members. This Council has done tremendous work over the last four years enhancing Public Safety and City employees. He would take the body of work of this Council over the previous Council to serve the City of Tipton and that is because of you guys. Thank you and Clerk-Treasurer Clark and Mayor. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09 on first reading, seconded by Councilmen Ehman. Ordinance 2023-09 was

passed with Councilman Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Ordinance 2023-10- An Ordinance Amendment To Ordinance No. 2005-10, Article XI, Section 9-401, Traffic Lights, And To Article XI, Section 9-403, Stop Signs, In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana: Mayor Dolezal stated this Council took measures to approve the conversions of those intersections to four-way stops, at the recommendation by our Legal Counsel it was ask to formalize that with this Ordinance. Councilman Chandler stated he wanted to make note that during that oral confirmation he voted no and still think at a minimum the stop light at Main and Jefferson would need to be retained. Councilwoman Hufford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Ordinance 2023-10 was passed with Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Kring and Rippy in favor. Councilman Chandler voted against. Councilwoman Hufford made a motion to suspend the rules to read Ordinance on second and final reading. Mayor Dolezal stated we aren't entitled to that because we had one vote against the ordinance. Councilman Chandler stated we need to get the crosswalks done as soon as possible. It was stated we will move forward with the crosswalks, the pedestrian signs and restriped. Councilman Rippy commented the engineer is looking at bump out at the intersection to make it four-ways and no turn lanes.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 174685-174781 for \$553,835.74, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments and Memorials:

Mayor Dolezal opened it up to the public for public comment. We are interested in what you have to share but try to keep it under 2-3 minutes.

Mr. Benny Frazier, Maple Street, stated a few months ago he was dead set against it, retain the lights, they are in good working order, still maintain them, if you take them out you are wasting good money.

Mrs. Debbie Bowlby, Conde Street, commented you have made up your minds at SR 28 & SR 19 that light has a left turn on one light, you need that at Jefferson and Main, instead of taking out the light. It would be easier to cross and to visit businesses, before making a mistake, keep that in mind.

Ms. Holly Horton, Poplar Street, stated she emailed all the Council of the pedestrian concerns. There are a lot of people out of town who come to shop and visit café. You have decided to take out the traffic lights. You need to go to Greenfield and check out the Hawk Pedestrian signal, they even have a grant for it, which paid most of it. The signal extends over the roadway, you push a button, and the traffic knows when to stop. Councilman Chandler stated Franklin has them to. Ms. Horton stated schools have them.

Mr. Tim Horton stated yesterday morning, he was waiting his turn, very few people out there, a guy went, and he started to go and a young girl in her car went right behind this dude, he had to lay on his horn, stop whatever, he just thinks it is a huge mistake to go forward with this. You already voted on it; he has already expressed his concern about it. That is all he is going to say. It's a big mistake.

Mr. Tim Richards, with Tim's 1, stated this weekend's event, there were a lot of people up town and he drove around a lot. At Main and Jefferson, he seen three different people almost get hit. He also stated the pedestrian part is a big concern still, as far as getting through town he feels the flow of traffic is better with the stop signs, but if we get the pedestrian part figured out to make it safer.

Mr. Mike Spurlock, Barr Court, commented he didn't care either way, keep the lights or don't keep the lights. He doesn't like the idea of people not coming to a complete stop, they roll through, maybe a solution is to put a speed bump in front of the crosswalk. Will it work he doesn't know but it's a thought.

Mrs. Roberta Heinzmann stated right now she is done with the lights/signs. She is not disregarding their concern but in her heart 85-90% follow the rules of the road and there is always a percentage that don't follow the rules. This is a good thing, we don't need to change it because of a small percentage that doesn't follow the rules. Mrs. Heinzmann asked about the baseball fields. Mayor Dolezal stated it has been seeded and the next thing is to put it out for bid on the fence, in the next 45 days to have the fencing completed as well. Mrs. Heinzmann asked for an update on the plaza. Ms. Abby Smith – Community Development Director stated the plaza is set to finish at the end of October for Phase I. The other phases are conceptual at this point and depends on what happens the rest of the year but how we go forward will be at the direction of the next administration. Pridemark, the Contractor is working on everything, and we are on schedule. Mayor Dolezal commented thank you very much.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer
Council President