

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

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

Others: Ken Ehman, Tim Richards, Jeff Stout, Brandon Leisure, Randy Saltzman, Joe Bitner, and Mark Baird.

Mayor Dolezal opened the November 27, 2023, BOW meeting.

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

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the October monthly report, it's pretty standard. He stated he received notification they were awarded \$75,000 grant money from the Foundation for the ALS equipment. The ALS supplies are on order. Chief Bitner commented they helped the Electric Dept. decorate the big tree at the park with the lights and star. He also commented that Ross Schulenburg went to Public Safety Medical on November 10th and we should know something by Wednesday, November 29th. This would fill one of the two openings. Chief Bitner stated the application process there were 19 applications turned in, 15 filled out correctly, 4 people had conflicts on the testing dates, 2 live, and 2 skills we set up another date for the other 4, hopefully, they will show up. Mayor Dolezal stated you had a good turnout for the applications. Chief Bitner stated they used the age of 40 since the State raised that earlier in the year and they didn't have to have a certification to apply. Councilman Rippy asked about the medics. Chief Bitner stated he has three full-time and four part-time lined up, with a couple of others interested.

Police: Chief Stout handed out the stats and stated traffic stops were at 110 for October. He also stated the SRO Vehicle is a new Durango, it's black and the Academy worked with us on this. The Academy won the bids for next year with 2 Dodge Durangos at \$43,000 a piece, trade-in with \$15,500 which was a total of \$71k, and some change and we only have \$70k budgeted. Academy advised Chief Stout they would make it \$70K across the board for both. Chief Stout commented Tipton Ford couldn't get the quote to us in time. He also commented that Officer Money is released from FTO and is on his own, we got a good one. The 12-hour Pitman Schedule is doing well. Chief Stout stated he has asked the officers to attempt four traffic stops and or four public appearances. He also stated that in the application process, there were seven applicants, one lateral female who didn't make the background check, three took the test, two failed the physical and one failed the written test. We just heard about a lateral from Johnson County. Chief Stout stated Officer

Saltzman and Leisure applied for the two openings for the sergeant spot. The command discussed it and they will be the night crew Sergeant and they will have officers under them. Congratulations to both of them. Councilman Kring asked if he was full staff and if there were two officers under them. Chief Stout stated too much of a chance covering shifts to make it work. Mayor Dolezal asked about parking the vehicle. Chief Stout stated we had but haven't lately, but we are getting the job done. Mayor Dolezal congratulated Officer Saltzman and Leisure.

Enforcement Division – 124 Fourth Street: Nothing to report.

Mayor Dolezal stated Public Works Manager Terry is working on the second LPA grant, there are three phases. These are improvements to Jefferson. The application is due the second week of December.

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