

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on December 11, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring, and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilwoman Hufford was not present.

Others: Tim Richards, Rick Vautaw, Steve Unger with Bose McKinney, Amanda Mendenhall, Elsie Smith, Jim and Michele Ankrum, Abbie Smith – Community Development Director, Megan Phifer, Andi Pumphrey, Bob Edinger, Don McElfresh, Aaron Hill, Brandon Barthel with Krohn & Associates, Mike Bollman, Joe VanBibber, Dick Klein, and Robert Cochran.

Mayor Dolezal opened the December 11, 2023, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve November 27, 2023, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the December 11, 2023, BOW meeting.

Cemetery: Councilman Rippy stated four burials, one cremation, and two lots sold for \$1,400.

Park: Councilman Rippy commented on the storage building painted at the baseball diamond and the agreement was signed for All American Construction for the fencing. He also commented that two pieces of playground equipment were ordered and are 12 weeks out. Councilman Rippy stated three Disc Golf Clubs are using the disc golf course. He also stated the Christmas lights are up in the Park, kudos to Park Superintendent Tomlinson. She has been working on the 2024 concerts.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated December 4, 2023, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also highlighted some of the items discussed at the meeting.

Other Boards/Committees: Nothing to report.

Councilman Chandler made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Powell Super-Voluntary Annexation (Ordinance 2023-13), seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal asked if anyone would like to express in favor, opposition, or opinion of this annexation. This is for 20.77 acres on the east side of the City and meets the requirements of being contiguous to the City of Tipton. With no comments, Councilman Chandler made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Councilman Rippy made a motion to open the Public Hearing on DeLong Super-Voluntary Annexation (Ordinance 2023-14), seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition to please come forward. This is a two-step annexation the first phase is for 3.65 acres contiguous to the City of Tipton. If this is approved, then the second phase will be 12.88 acres of super-voluntary annexation on the east side of Tipton. With no comments, Councilman Rippy made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Councilman Rippy made a motion to open the public hearing on the proposed rates and charges for Electric Utility (Ordinance 2023-16), seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or opposition to this Ordinance. There were no comments. Councilman Chandler made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

**New Business:**

**Boys & Girls Club – Amanda Mendenhall:** Mrs. Mendenhall thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and for the support you have provided to the Boys & Girls Club. She stated this is our 30<sup>th</sup> year and we have come a long way. Mrs. Mendenhall provided an information sheet (see attached) with different points regarding the Club and reviewed those points, along with fundraising efforts, and new things that happened in 2023 with the Council. Mrs. Mendenhall commented we couldn't do this if we didn't have the City support and business support, thank you again. Mayor Dolezal stated that this is an amazing organization and that you have grown quickly. Councilman Chandler stated he helped out with one of the programs through West Street Christian Church and this was a great program, and he appreciates all the hard work you guys have done. Councilman Rippy stated a great job.

**Animal Control Contract:** Mayor Dolezal stated the budget in 2024 has \$30,000 for animal services. Councilman Chandler stated the 2024 Contract for Animal Services, and the proposed operating budget were in your packets. He also stated we had the ribbon cutting on November 5<sup>th</sup> and have been doing services since August. The TPD seems to be happy with the partnership and is good with the contract. We are requesting \$28,000 from the City which is less than what was budgeted. The partnership will be the City 1/3, the County 1/3, and the Humane Society 1/3. Councilman Rippy made a motion to enter into the Animal Service Contract for \$28,000, seconded by Councilman Kring. Councilman Kring stated Rick Chandler has been the City liaison we should appoint a liaison but who? Councilman Chandler stated yes, and the County gets the opportunity to, whoever the City fits on the Executive Board. The motion on the Contract for Animal Services was approved with all in favor.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report.

## Resolutions &amp; Ordinances:

Resolution 2023-28 – Resolution Adopting Fiscal Plan For Powell Super-Voluntary Annexation: Councilman Kring asked what the process was for passing the Ordinance. It was stated the first reading of the Ordinance was on November 13, 2023, the Public Hearing is today along with the Adoption of the Fiscal Plan and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading will be on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Steve Unger stated this is a three-meeting process and you can't adopt it until 14 days after the public hearing. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-28, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Resolution 2023-29 – Resolution Adopting Fiscal Plan For DeLong Super-Voluntary Annexation: Mayor Dolezal stated this is the same process. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-29, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2023-30 – Resolution Electing PERF-Hybrid for Civilian Medics: Mayor Dolezal stated this is the retirement program for Civilian Medics. He also stated we were the successful bidder for the Ambulance Service with the County. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the Civilian Medics would be PERF and the City Civilian would be Edward Jones. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-30, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Resolution 2023-31 – A Resolution Approving Reimbursement To General Fund From Ambulance Fund: Mayor Dolezal stated during the budget process we review this every year. The SBOA suggested that we have an itemized cost that was considered for that budget amount. The estimated amount is summarized in Attachment A. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-31, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2023-32 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund – Golf Grounds Budget: Mayor Dolezal stated we are finalizing the golf services for the year. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-32, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2023-16 – An Ordinance To Adopt A New Schedule Of Electrical Rates and Charges For Electrical Services Rendered By The City Of Tipton's Municipal Electric Utility: Mayor Dolezal stated this is for the second and final reading. TMU General Manager Ankrum echoed the nice comments about the Boys & Girls Club and the support for the Club. TMU General Manager Ankrum gave a brief update on the process and where we are in the process. He advised the Council that the school contacted TMU and stated they would take a tremendous hit after they had secured the budget for 2024. The Utility Board looked at the demand rate and some it would affect them by less than 10 percent but in the school's case they would take a 30 % hit. The Utility Board is recommending phasing in the rate D maximum load charge in a three-year period. Councilman Chandler stated as Liaison, the hard work and diligence that Krohn & Associates, TMU General

Manager Ankrum, and the Utility Board put in negotiating with the ratepayers, what a job well done. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the Ordinance will be updated with the phase-in charges. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10 on second and final reading with the updated charges on Appendix A, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2023-17 (Amending Ord. 2023-08) Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance for Police Officers, Firefighters, and All Other Employees by Amending the Other Compensations: Clothing Allowance: The change to the clothing allowance was discussed during budget time. The clothing allowance will be a two-time distribution paid out. This will replace a lot of administrative work on a per-person basis. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-17 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 175206-175361 for \$3,686,407.22, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the claim for Stars and Stripes was removed from this set of claims. Councilman Kring asked about claim number 175335. It is for the Parishes, clean up at the Old Pioneer property. Mayor Dolezal stated they have been great to work with, they are removing the old concrete from the old recycling property. Councilman Kring asked if they had plans for it. Mayor Dolezal stated they are cleaning it up and have various discussions on what it could be used for. The claims were approved by all.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Mr. Robert Cochrane, Tipton, as Board President of the Boys & Girls Club wants to echo the appreciation for the contribution to the Boys & Girls Club. He also stated as a School Board member he thanked TMU General Manager Ankrum and Chairman Don McElfresh for looking at the rates for the school and phasing in the rates in three years.

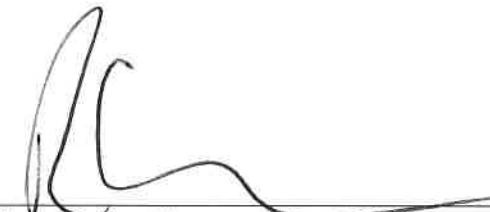
Councilman Chandler thanked the community for participating in the Pet pictures with Santa on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We raised \$700 with this fundraiser. We want to thank you the community for supporting all our fundraisers.

Councilman Rippy wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment: Councilman Kring called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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Council President



## **The Return on Your Investment in the Boys & Girls Club of Tipton County in 2023**

2023 Club Data through 11/30/23

### **Summer Program, May – August 2023**

Average Daily Attendance 126

Summer High: 146 members      Summer Low: 100 members

*Featured & Favorite Summer Program Experiences:*

*Career VR Headsets, CrossFit Tipton, Legends Music Academy Program, AGAPE Leadership Program, Programs in partnership with 4C, Reading & Math Recovery, Behavioral Health Small Groups with The Bowen Center, Animal Specialists, Decade Day, Club Camp In*

- Weekly trips to the Tipton City Park & Pool
- Lunch sponsored by local partners 4 days/week

### **End of School Year, May of 2023:**

339 Registered Members & Average Daily Attendance Semester 2 of 2022-2023 school year was 155

### **School Year August – November 30:**

480 Registered Members & Average Daily Attendance Semester 1 of 2023-2024 school year was 173

Afterschool Program High: 198

*Featured & Favorite Afterschool Program Experiences:*

*Food & Cooking Programs, Original Youngsters, iReady, STRONG, Web Design, 3-D Printing, DJ programming, Candle, Torch & Builders Club*

### **Community Outreach**

24 Community Youth participated in our traveling Spring Break Program held in Tipton, Kempton, Sharpville, & Windfall

TC STEM Night, Community Safety Fair, Pre-K Days in the Summer of 2023, Back to School Night @ both school districts, Downtown Trick or Treat, Kempton's Fall Festival, Tis the Season

## **Fundraising Efforts**

Golf Outing, Annual Silent & Live Auction Event, Annual Giving Campaign: \$30 for 30 Years, Business Sponsorship, Year-End Scholarship Giving Event

Grants & Other misc. fundraising efforts

## **NEW in 2023**

- Hiring of a Full Time Director of Development
- New Program Site @ Tri Central Community Schools
- Purchased & Merged with Animal Crackers & Company Preschool
- Utilizing the AmeriCorps Grant program to build a program planning team
- Organizational Restructure to support the current growth and support future growth

## **Staffing:**

8 Full Time Staff Members, 12 Part Time Adults & College Aged Staff Members, 16 high school staff members