

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on January 8, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Councilmen Ehman, and Kring, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Jose Paredes, Diana Tomlinson, Tim Richards, Mike Terry, Rick Rippy, Steve Niblick, Judy Coker, and Abbie Smith – Community Development Director.

Mayor Schmicker opened the January 8, 2024, BOW meeting and stated Councilmen Ehman, Kring and himself are the BOW members.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the December 27, 2023, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Cemetery Manager Tomlinson stated there were five burials, zero cremations, and nine lots sold in the amount of \$6,300.

Park: Park Superintendent Tomlinson commented that two out of the five bands have been hired for the summer concert series. June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Breakfast Club and August 24<sup>th</sup> is 90 Proof. (90 Proof is a country band that we hired last year but due to weather conditions, it was cut short on their performance). She also commented there was a theft at the Park, the Police were alerted and the camera had a picture of the car. It was put on social media, and the Christmas decorations were returned. Tomlinson stated there was a water main rupture in the park on the south side of the drive. The Water Dept. will be making repairs. She also stated two trees were cut down at the Disc Golf Course and two in the Park. Tomlinson commented that a few boards on the new bridge are showing wear and will be replaced at no cost because of the warranty. She also commented that she will be advertising for one labor position next month, everyone else plans on returning. Tomlinson stated Baumgartner is going to redo the basketball courts, she is waiting to see when. A question was asked when the concerts were. Tomlinson stated May through September. Councilman Ehman asked about the theft was the individual contacted by the Police. Tomlinson stated one of his friends contacted him. She also stated it happened at 5 p.m. and it was an adult. Councilman Kring asked on the basketball court are they going to restripe the lines. He suggested having a log in the middle, maybe this could be a private fundraiser. Tomlinson stated she didn't know anything about that. Kring commented it would be after the striping.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Niblick gave a summary of the Permit Summary Report for the entire year. There were 266 permits for a total project cost of 34.2 million dollars in 2023. He also reported on the City BZA and

Planning Commission meets this week. The BZA meets on Wednesday with one item on the agenda, the petition is for a two-story brick building by the Dollar General Store in the alley, they would like the first floor to be residential. The Planning Commission meets Thursday at 6 p.m., there is no petition just election of officers. There were no questions for Commissioner Niblick. Judy Coker – Enforcement Division gave her a report. At 124 Fourth Street, the contractor got the permit, the building is down, and the inspector will go by and check the property. She also stated they are waiting for the dumpsters to be picked up. Coker commented that the contractor would reside on the side of the garage that had damage. Mayor Schmicker stated we have received complaints about the debris. Coker stated the contractor was on sight and started last week on Wednesday waiting on dumpsters. The property at 119 N. East Street – Red Brick has been vacant for many years. The property owner filed a State Design Release on January 4<sup>th</sup>, but it hasn't been issued yet. The owner stated once he gets a permit it will be six months. Mayor Schmicker asked if the restaurant would be for lunch and dinner and will it be in the Riverfront District. Mr. Paredes said yes, and he would like it to be. He also stated he is buying the property on contract. The cost of the renovation is between 100 - 200 K. Councilman Kring commented several years there has been trash debris and furniture, this needs to be cleaned up immediately. He would like to see it cleaned up in two weeks. Councilman Kring made a motion to clean up the debris on the side within the next 30 days, by February 12<sup>th</sup> or sooner, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. There was a lengthy discussion regarding complaints and nuisances and the process to get them cleaned up, along with trash violations, grass violations, charging fines, and placing liens on the properties. Councilman Kring stated we need to look at the administrative fee for grass, and trash and look at the Ordinance. Commissioner Niblick stated that property maintenance is responsible for one specific property. Councilman Kring stated that TWG Property has had a light pole down since June and this could fall under property maintenance, we might need to strengthen it. Commissioner Niblick stated regarding complaints, we receive them from the Council, BOW, and citizens. We don't drive around looking for violations but when we receive complaints, we investigate them quickly. Councilman Kring stated the last four years we were aggressive we just need to iron some things out. Coker stated most people take care of it. She also stated she appreciated this Board, and we get things moving. The Board thanked Coker for all she did. Mayor Schmicker asked about the administrative fees. Councilman Kring stated we need to get some clarification because it is interpreted differently by different individuals. We will get the Mayor, Quigley, and Ordinance Committee and include Public Works Manager Terry. It was also reported to include Park Superintendent Tomlinson and Enforcement Division Coker. Councilman Kring stated there is no movement on Whites. Coker said she would email today and ask about the auction.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry commented 801 Oak Street we have the gas meter unhooked and the utilities are being located right now. Will get the contract for the dumpsters and then we will start rolling in the equipment, it should take one to two days to demo. It should be done by the end of January. He also commented on the first meeting of the new year he gave a labor recap of the Street Dept. to show where the time is going.

Terry stated it is wintertime, they ran the salt brine equipment on Friday and plowed snow on Saturday morning. He also stated the bring and equipment for the sidewalk we haven't got yet but should be getting it soon. Terry commented that the Mayor and he discussed the Community Crossing Grant (CCG) application and it would be diligent for us to apply in January and July. It was stated this way if we are denied in January, we still have a chance for the second application. Terry stated the grant went from 1 million to 1.5 million, we will find the money to maximize that grant, drainage, or sidewalk issues. What area are we talking about? Public Works Manager Terry stated it will be based on the PASER ratings. Mayor Schmicker, City Engineer Cory Mahan, TMU General Manager Ankrum, and himself will meet to discuss the items. He also stated there are some drainage issues on S. West Street that we will be looking at. Terry commented we will probably be looking at Jefferson Street for some pavement work, doing something before the LPA grant. Councilman Kring stated that 4.3 is all to the LPA. Terry stated it's not all committed just a certain money amount and it can only be for Jefferson Street and Main Street. Councilman Kring stated there was a resolution the County Council passed. Terry stated the City did too for the LPA match. This is the first of a multiple-phase project and the second application filed is a 1.2-million-dollar project. Mayor Schmicker asked what the timeline of the award is. Public Works Manager Terry stated February or March. Mayor Schmicker stated the grant match of the 1.5 CCG total is \$375,000 match, we are relying on the money, interest rate, investing the money in CDs, or what the County does to protect the principal of that. We want to preserve that fund. Terry commented that we used the MVH fund for the match and Mayor Havens had used the EDIT funds a few times. If we use the Utilities on this project with the drainage issues their portion of the match would be X. He also commented there was an issue this time around on snow removal where a contractor had plowed an alley, and the stone was pushed out in the street around North and Main and Walnut and Main. Mayor Schmicker stated don't have the plow all the way down. He also stated he would be formalizing his appointments.


Mayor's Report: None.

Councilman Kring stated the BOW needs to make an appointment to the Planning Commission. Emily Nasser will continue until a reappointment has been made at least for this week's meeting. He also stated he hasn't had a conversation with Emily either. Councilman Kring commented the Council has an appointment to the Planning Commission too. Mayor Schmicker stated the BOW appointment can be addressed at the next BOW meeting.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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Kegan Smith  
President, Board of Public Works and Safety