

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on May 13, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilmen Curnutt and Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Mike Terry, Diana Tomlinson, Jeff Stout, Tom Clark, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Sherry Landseadel, Lynlie Adair, Brad Spec, Steve Niblick, Rick Chandler, Austin Faux, Blayne Cowan, Aidan Moses, Chris Hunter, Peyton Carter, Nicholas Overdorf, Shelbie Cauble, Brogan Brown, Ali Powell, Sophia Phifer, Aaron, KJ Roudebush and Rob Cochrane.

Mayor Havens opened the May 13, 2019, Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the April 22, 2019 BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Mayor Havens, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Bi-Centennial Parade – Jan Garrison – Street Closure – June 29, 2019 (Sat.) – Tipton County 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Councilman Morgan made a motion to table this until Ms. Garrison could address this two-weeks from tomorrow, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

First Church of the Nazarene – Street Closure – Brad Speck (Starting in June): Speck stated the street closure is for the neighborhood cookouts on Adams Street from Independence Street to the alley East, the first Sunday from June thru September with September being on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. This was successful last year with no troubles. Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve this request starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> the first Sunday in June thru September (second Sunday) from 6-8 p.m., seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor. Mayor Havens thanked Pastor Speck for the work in the community.

Main Street Association – Sophia Phifer – Street Closure – June 27, 2019 - Food Truck Event: Phifer requested street closure of Court Street from Jefferson Street to Madison Street. There will be a band on the Courthouse lawn. Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve the Main Street request for street closure of Court Street on June 27, 2019, from 5-8 p.m., seconded by Councilman Morgan, with all in favor. Mayor Havens thanked Main Street for all they have done.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson reported there were four burials, no cremations, and two lot sales. Mayor Havens asked if they were fully staffed. Tomlinson stated yes; the summer seasonal staff is in place. He also asked if the lighting project is finished. It was reported the poles are coming down, there might be potential lighting issues. Public Works Manager Terry reported we got quotes from Utilities and the Cemetery Board approved

the quote. We are searching for funding. Mayor Havens stated the final approval will come to the City Council, provide them with a map of where the posts are going, the written quotes and pictures of the post. Tomlinson commented that the cheaper way to cut cost was to run underground wire. Clerk-Treasurer Clark commented that Councilman Rippey has discussed the cost of the lighting project with her. She also stated there is some money in other miscellaneous funds, but some are marked for the pool project. This might be an item to add to the 2020 budget. Mayor Havens commented the lights are coming down and it would be dark.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported she is speaking with the Sales Rep on the handicap wheelchair swing to fix some issues. She also reported we are putting a sign up for the intended use. Tomlinson stated the pickleball court, fencing and concrete need to be addressed and we discussed the needs and wants from this group at the Park Board meeting. She also commented that Mr. VanHorn is working on the emergency creek bank issue. It was asked if this would have any impact on the Park or Pool operations. Public Works Manager Terry stated there is no impact on the operations. Mayor Havens asked who the lead was on the project. Terry commented the Big Cicero Creek, Jason Henderson as the Surveyor. Henderson is in contact mainly with VanHorn and very little with Tomlinson and himself. Mayor Havens suggested for Tomlinson or Terry to check with him since this is an emergency situation. Terry stated this work should start in June. Mayor Havens commented regarding the concert in the park, it was an excellent band, it was poorly attended with the spring weather. He hopes we can get the band back. Tomlinson stated she had discussions with them.

Kokomo Humane Society update- Tom Clark: Chief Clark reported at the end of April we had a dog bite and had to quarantine the dog for 10-14 days. He also reported Animal Control Officer Alley called Kokomo Humane Society and they told him they no longer take out of county animals. Elwood and Hamilton County wouldn't take them either. Clark stated the Sheriff is allowing us to keep the dogs at the jail. Mayor Havens commented Councilmen Curnutt and Chandler are interested in this issue. There was a lengthy discussion about cost, who should pay, a humane society, a contract with a vet, short-term and long-term solutions. Mayor Havens commented he would appoint a two-person Council Committee. Resident Ms. Boyd reported she spoke with several people and Mayor Todd Jones is willing to work with you all. There are sources for vet, food and dog services, plus there are grants. She also asked about a dog tax or fee. It was stated the City Ordinance for dog tags are \$2 or \$6 and all dogs in the City limits should have tags. Boyd said people are not aware of that and could the cost be increased. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the revenue off of the tags wouldn't take care of much. Councilman Chandler commented he was meeting with officials at the City of Elwood and touring their facility and hopes to rely on their resources. Mayor Havens commented that the dog issue will not be on the agenda tonight and the appointment to the Committee will be added. He also stated Curnutt and Chandler need to get together and figure out how the City will manage the issue. Boyd commented Todd Jones advised her that John Hinds Center helped build the place which saved on labor. Mayor Havens stated he appreciated

her interest on this issue, but it has been a non-issue in the last 8 years because of effective control in the department.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Adair with Enforcement Division handed out the report on grass violation and stated they sent the first set of grass letters out, there were 19 of them. Today was the deadline for the properties to be mowed. Clerk-Treasurer Clark asked that the report be sent to her and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Mayor Havens stated the reports are so much better. Adair commented she could put on the report the cost of the certified mailing and the mowing cost. She also reported the unsafe building title searches came back on #1 and #4 and there was no financial interest on #2. It was reported #3 is a City-owned property. Mayor Havens stated he would contact the Planning Dept. but he would like for them to pick the most severe and take the case through to the end result. He also commented the City-owned property should be demolished in the next six months along with the N. Main Street property. Boyd stated you are going to use one of them as an example. Commissioner Niblick handed out the permit report for the month of April and reported it shows the number of permits for the City proper, the City fringe, and the County. If the permit is not paid yet, then it will show it not being issued. He also commented that the City in April had 15 permits taken in, one in the City fringe on W. Jefferson Street, Pioneer, for a total of 16 permits. The last page is a permit summary that breaks down the permits including 2018 data entered but not broke down by City/County or fringe. There is a total of 23 permits and there are two projects we are keeping an eye on, the Senior Housing project east of town and the Star Bank building. The permits are not issued yet but the water and sewer are being worked on.

Street Department: Public Works Manager Terry reported everything is working well and it is a busy time of the year with potholes, alleys and the pool needs filled. We are starting the pump today and Spear is coming Wednesday to start the chemical process. He also reported we started the Splash Pad project and building. Terry stated we received the first pay ap from RL Turner, which included the ordered toys. They are requesting payment of \$126,250, \$12,625 ten percent retainage held for a total payment of \$113,625. Mayor Havens reported that the winter did a good job on the potholes.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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President, Board of Public Works and Safety