

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on December 23, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Acting Mayor Curnutt, Councilmen Morgan, Chandler, Ogden and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Dick Klein, Mae Ogden, Ken Ehman, Tami Brown, Patrick Brown, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Jason Henderson, Tom Dolezal, Sherry Landseadel and Bob Edinger.

Acting Mayor Curnutt opened the December 23, 2019, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the December 9, 2019, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Councilman Morgan made a motion to move Resolution 2019-26 to the end of the Resolutions, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

BOW: Acting Mayor Curnutt reported from the December 23, 2019, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman Chandler reported the Committee wouldn't meet again until March 2020.

Goodwill: Nothing to report.

District Solid Waste: Councilman Morgan reported they reviewed year-end reports. He also reported Director Heron's bond was renewed for next year.

Street, Alley & Sidewalks Committee: Nothing to report.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the December 16, 2019, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported the 2020 Operating Budget was approved. Councilman Chandler reported Utility Manager Boyer and Electric Superintendent Cox attended an IMPA meeting regarding an upgrade to our meter reading system. Board member Klein reported IMPA is buying the software, this shows they care about their communities. Councilman Chandler reported Mr. Ellis and Superintendent Heard gave the Board an update on the Ross Trailer Park water issue. He also stated the local Health Dept, Planning Dept. and the State Health Inspector has now joined the effort to resolve the problem. Councilman Chandler thanked the Utility for the nice breakfast on December 17<sup>th</sup> the food was good, and the company was better.

New Business:

Permission for Clerk-Treasurer to do any Transfers or Resolutions to clear up year-end.

Councilman Morgan made a motion to allow Clerk-Treasurer Clark to do any transfers or resolutions to clean up year-end, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Proposal to pay Acting Mayor – Compensation: Councilman Ogden stated with the passing of Mayor Havens, Council President Curnutt has become “Acting Mayor” until the end of 2019. Councilman Ogden made a motion for Council President Curnutt’s compensation for the final pay period of 2019 to be adjusted to reflect a proration of his Council pay to December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and the balance of the pay period at the pro-rated Mayor’s rate of pay, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Councilman Chandler stated Acting Mayor Curnutt stepped up to accept the duties and deserves the pay. The motion was passed with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor’s Report: Acting Mayor Curnutt reported the Acting Mayor transition term is in effect. Administrative Assistant Landseadel and Consultant Schmicker updated the incoming Mayor Dolezal with 21 details last Wednesday. He also reported Mayor Dolezal and himself will continue to pass on information effectively and efficient until the late morning of January 1, 2020. Incoming Mayor Dolezal stated thank you.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2019-23 – A Resolution By The City Of Tipton Common Council To Accept A Tax Sale Certificate For Certain Real Property Located 460 N. West Street, Tipton, IN From The County Of Tipton Board Of Commissioners: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-23, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Councilman Chandler asked about the Resolution. Clerk-Treasurer Clark explained this property was on tax sale and had caught fire this past summer. The County Auditor sent us notice of the properties that were on tax sale in the City that we might be interested in. The Commissioners and the City Council do similar resolutions when we accept a tax sale certificate. Incoming Mayor Dolezal reported the Commissioners passed a resolution on this property this morning. Resolution 2019-23 was passed with all in favor.

Resolution 2019-24 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations – Fire Budget: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-24 to decrease line 319 Medical/CDL in the amount of \$187.04 and increase line 216 Gasoline in the amount of \$187.04, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Resolution 2019-25 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations – Council & Fire Budget: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-25 to decrease Council budget line 130 Insurance in the amount of \$33,000 and to increase Fire budget line 112 Firefighters in the amount of \$25,000 and line 116 Pt Firefighter in the amount of \$8,000, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2019-27 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations – Mayor Budget: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-27 to decrease line 450 Furniture/Equipment in the amount of \$1,500 and to increase line 382 Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1,500, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2019-26 – A Resolution Recognizing The Service Of Mayor Don Havens To The City Of Tipton: Councilman Chandler read Resolution 2019-26 and stated it was a privilege and honor to adopt Resolution 2019-26, seconded by Councilman Morgan, with all in favor. There was unanimous approval. Councilman Chandler stated he was a wonderful man and he presented a framed copy of the signed resolution to Tami, thank you for sharing your husband with us.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims 164545-164671 in the amount of \$494,248.40. He also reported we paid the claims for the 2019 Election billed by the County in the amount of \$45,718.66. This is how expensive the election is and we need more participation. The motion to approve the claims was seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Councilman Chandler reported we have three outgoing Council members, Councilmen Curnutt, Morgan and Ogden, they have done a great job. He also welcomed Council Elect Ehman and Mayor Dolezal and stated he is ready to work with them, along with Councilwoman Sophia Hufford and Councilman Nate Kring.

Councilman Ogden reported this was his last Council meeting, he retired in 1992 from the Fire Dept., 1996 City Council and served under Mayor Foster, and good friend Don Havens. This was a pleasure and he had a good time serving the City of Tipton. Councilman Ogden reflected on some memories of Havens. He also stated he enjoyed working with all of you, thank you, it's been a pleasure. Keep up the good work. Councilman Ogden stated you keep up the good work to Tom (Incoming Mayor Dolezal).

Councilman Morgan reported he enjoyed the eight years on the Council and was honored to serve under Mayor Havens, we have accomplished a lot and we need to do a lot more. He also stated he teaches Government and he decided to run for City Council, this was a good learning experience to take into the classroom. He wished everyone good luck and he thinks we need more citizens to participate in the process. Thank You.

Councilman Rippy reported his first eight years he set right next to Don Havens and he would ask did you understand that and if not, he would explain it. I'm proud to call him for around forty years now a very good friend, Tipton's light is shining much brighter because of the work of Don Havens.

Councilman Curnutt reported it was an honor serving 24 years on this Board and he doesn't know what the future holds, but he knows who holds the future. Mayor Don Havens was a tremendous influence in my life and reflected on some memories of Mayor Havens. Councilman Curnutt stated there was no greater honor than to help tie up the loose ends in his administration in his absence and serve as Council President because of that. He also echoed the unanimous sentiments of Donald Scott Havens, what a great man, a great Mayor and has a wonderful bride and wonderful family.

Jason Henderson thanked the Council with the work they have done this year in 2019. They were very active. A lot of that was driven by the former Mayor Havens. He thanked Councilman Morgan, it was a pleasure serving and working eight years. He also stated Councilman Curnutt with his 42 years, to serve, work and serve the citizens and through the Pork Festival. Mr. Henderson commented Mayor Ogden gave him his first appointment and let him understand what the government was about. He also acknowledged the service of our spouses and our families, we don't always get or seek what problems we hear, our spouses/families hear it first or second hand. We work hard on a local level and the term politicians we give a good name, thank spouses as well.

Tami Brown said thank you, and you all know how much he loved the City and Community. So, thank you and she was happy to share him with everyone.

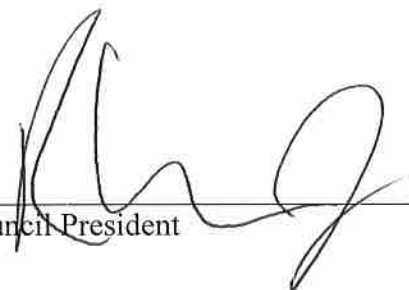
Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated she enjoyed working with all of you and the Mayor, he is going to be missed.

Acting Mayor Curnutt on behalf of the City Council, Clerk-Treasurer, City Offices and City Hall we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in this final meeting of the four-year term. Best Wishes to the Incoming Administration on January 1, Mayor Tom Dolezal and the new City Council. He is excited for the future of Tipton, it has great and tremendous opportunities this community has in 2020.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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