City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on January 27, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: John Ellis, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Laurie Shirley, Dave Lacy, Jeff Stout, Ben Scott, Emma Dunn, Lauren Shively, Judy Coker, Kegan Schmicker, Sherry Landseadel, Bob Edinger, Sharon Teuscher and Brianna Stenger with RQW.

Mayor Dolezal opened the January 27, 2020, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the January 13, 2020, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report. Councilman Kring reported he would like to have a discussion regarding unsafe building but will do it under the Enforcement Division.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: BOW Appointment to City Planning Commission: Councilman Kring made a motion to reappoint Mike Dollens and he is willing to continue to the City Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported he would save his comments to the Enforcement Division.

Fire: Chief Ogden reviewed his year-end reports along with EMS numbers. He also reported the Seals/TFD Agreement has been signed, the Mayor and Tony with Seals met regarding the agreement. Chief Ogden reported the Truck Committee will be coming to the BOW with a presentation on a new engine. Councilman Rippy asked if everything is good with Seals. Chief Ogden stated it is going great and the guys working with them have been fine and they are working with us. There have been no major issues at this point, maybe housekeeping. This operation will be a good model.

Police: Chief Stout reviewed his year-end reports with the BOW. He also reported there are some remodeling and maintenance that need to be done, the carpet and flooring and sign out front. Chief Stout reported he received some quotes on these items. But doesn't have money in his budget. He also reported he purchased four mobile docking stations. There was a brief discussion on moving some offices around and using the City Courtroom. Chief Stout reported they have implemented a new schedule app where you can request days offs on your phone and not have to do it on paper. This was a reasonable price at $600 per year. Asst. Chief Lacy stated it is capable of being used Citywide. Chief Stout commented they are looking at a solar radar speed sign that is portable and the Street Dept. would take care of it. Cicero PD is using it and the public loves it. He also reported Cicero had two and purchased two more. The cost for the two signs is $5,500 with everything. Mayor Dolezal stated we would need to verify that we would be able to get

them at that price. Chief Stout gave a brief summary of the IN-Youth Institute and the program they have for the bicycles the Police Dept. collects from lost bikes around town. Councilman Kring made a motion to donate the bikes to IN Youth Institute so they will be used in our community, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal asked for the Police Dept. to give them one more chance to claim the bikes. Chief Stout reported in public relations the Police Dept. is working with Needlers on a Food Drive and the donations will go to the Food Pantry. He also reported Anytime Fitness is putting on a Women's Self Defense Class Physical Tactics Instruction for can goods to donate to Food Pantry. Chief Stout reported Officer Tansy will be off probation on February 10th, where his status will be First Class Patrolman. He also reported Feb. 18th last year there was an Intern Program for Seniors going to John Hinds. They are trying to get kids to go into this field. Chief Stout reported Carrie Capshaw, THS Counselor nominated him for the Intern Impact Award. The school loves this program. Mayor Dolezal asked where the award is given. Chief Stout thought it was the Marriott. Mayor Dolezal congratulated Chief Stout. Mayor Dolezal asked if this was a national challenge. It was stated, yes national. Chief Ogden stated it is a statewide level. Ms. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked when the public relations at Needlers would be. Chief Stout commented Officer Robbins and Mayor Jones is working on date and time. Chief Stout stated Officer Robbins is our Public Relations officer, he types press releases and social media items. There is not a cert pay at this point, but he suggested a $500 per year cert pay for this spot. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated it is not in the salary ordinance but does asked if he receives training for this. Mayor Dolezal commented that we need to get together on this. There was a brief discussion on the training room at the public safety building and the training facility at the new jail possibly being shared.

Enforcement Division – 423 Sweetland Ave: Coker gave a brief history of this issue. Mrs. Laurie Shirley was in attendance and stated they were working on the outside of the RV. Mayor Dolezal asked if you priced it being towed and scrapped. Mrs. Shirley stated we don't have the money to tow it. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the progress of the RV. Mayor Dolezal asked Coker what here recommendations are. Coker stated she doesn't know if it would work but give them 30 days and if not, the City should remove it, but she didn't see any point of assessing fines. Councilman Kring stated levying fines is not an option, either give 30 days or remove now. There is surplus to the property, if the tires are removed then there is another problem. Councilman Kring made a motion to have Coker get two to three quotes to have RV towed and extend this for 30 days, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Coker gave an update on the Ross Trailer Park. She also reported the seven vacant or abandoned trailers had to be removed within 21 days which would be February 9th. She also reported Bldg. Commissioner Niblick might have worked something out with him. There was a brief discussion on the other issues going on at the Trailer Park. Mayor Dolezal asked Coker to keep us up to date on how things are going.

Councilman Kring asked about the guidelines for State Unsafe Building. There was a discussion on the Unsafe Building Codes (State and City). It was stated we need to define the process of unsafe building violations. Councilman Kring told Coker she is doing a great job and to keep it up.

Mr. John Ellis gave an update on what is going on at the Ross Trailer Park. He also stated that the owner would not be able to pay the fine. Mayor Dolezal stated he would have thought the fine would get him to rectify the problem. He also stated he must perform. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about the fines from the Health Dept. and when the final date on the letter was. Mayor Dolezal reported January 27th.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher asked a question regarding the last Board meeting. She stated the Assessor is not on the property of the FMC so how do they process the assessment. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the Assessor stated at the last meeting that she has a company that does the reassessments. Teuscher asked how do they arise at those values. Mayor Dolezal stated you would need to speak to her about that.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

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