

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on February 24, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Dick Klein, Chuck Bell, Bob Edinger, Rob Cochrane, Mark Baird, Beth Roach, Steve Raber, Malcolm Shuck, John Ellis, Blake Reynolds, AJ Muncie, Kaylee Walden, Grayson Weddell, Matt Teuscher, Anthony Sebastian, Austin Cochrane, and Carly Ripberger.

Councilman Chandler opened the February 24, 2020, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the February 10, 2020, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the February 24, 2020, BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman reported the Committee met on February 18th, they meet on the second Tuesday of every month. He also reported Big Cicero Creek is clearing trees, so there is a different view at the Golf Course. He also reported Big Cicero Creek will repair any damages to the fairways. Councilman Ehman reported the driving range bushes were cleaned up and they have installed 15-foot poles to install a net that is in good shape.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler reported the Committee met and there were three in attendance, Mayor Dolezal, County Councilman Butch Harpel and himself.

DSW: Councilman Kring reported the Board had a short meeting and they discussed the basic operations, adding gravel at the facility and looking at getting another chipper and baler. He also stated they discussed the landfill and the money in reserves.

Street, Alley and Sidewalk: Councilman Ehman reported there was no new business, just discussed the Sidewalk Program and rating the sidewalks. The Committee is wanting to improve more sidewalks, but we don't want to replace good sidewalks. Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked what percentage is paid by City and Residents. Councilman Ehman stated we haven't determined that yet. He also commented that we didn't get all the applicants that applied last year. Boyd asked what rate theirs will be at. Ehman stated they would be grandfathered in.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the February 17, 2020, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported Utility Manager Boyer reviewed with the Board a proposed AMI Service Agreement with ISC (IMPA), the End User Licenses with Tantalus, as well

as projected cost for the project. Chandler stated IMPA Commissioner Klein met with County officials, IMPA VP Jack Alvey, Project Manager Emily Williams, and Landscaper Mike Lee regarding the landscaping and tax abatement issue at the Solar Park and have come up with a plan. He also stated Mr. Steve Kinch with Mutual Bank will be meeting with any TMU employees who want to make changes or have concerns about their 457-Retirement Plan. Chandler reported Mr. Ellis, resident of Ross Trailer Park had updated the Board that one satisfactory water test had been completed. There was a discussion about the residents making payments to the delinquent water bill. City Attorney advised only if the owner gives written direction to do so. Mr. Ellis stated he was at the BOW meeting and there was not many results. There was a lengthy discussion on what was going on regarding the water service, the fines with the Health Dept., and the vacant trailers. Councilman Kring stated he trusts Mayor Dolezal that there won't be any land transfers by the property without clearing the liens. He also commented this is no one's fault but the owners.

Youth Council: Councilman Ehman reported the Youth Council is now organized, there are 16 members from 12th grade to 8th grade. Mr. Austin Cochrane stated he is a Senior and Carly Ripberger is a Junior and we are the representatives of the Youth Council. He also commented they are super excited and discussed some things they wanted to do. Ms. Ripberger reported they have several ideas, like a corn hole tournament, basketball tournament, kids bringing the family to enjoy the community. We would like to get businesses involved through sponsors to get more funding. We have only had two meetings so we can't wait to see what the Youth Council can be. Cochrane reported we want it to be fun and inviting for Tipton Community, teenagers, and adults. Councilman Rippy stated there should be something in the budget to help. Councilman Hufford stated they could do community service as well. Ripberger reported that was another item they discussed as well as food drives. Councilman Ehman commented he started the discussion with the Mayor, and he is surprised with the engagement, where do we go, the sky is the limit. Boyd with the Tipton Tribune stated to keep them in the loop on what is going on. She also stated maybe in the next couple of weeks she can take a picture of the group. Councilman Chandler thanked Councilman Ehman for taking the lead on the Leaders of Tomorrow.

New Business:

Trails Presentation: Steve Raber, Representative of the Trail Committee gave a presentation on a DNR grant they are applying for on trails. It is an 80/20 grant and he will be delivering the grant application on Friday, February 28, 2020. He went over the map that was in the packet on what Phase this would be. Raber reported they score everything by points and they also inspect every trail that was from a grant once a year. You must keep the trail active for at least 25 years. Councilman Chandler reported the next trail meeting is Thursday, February 27th. It was reported a job well done and the amount of work that went into this, glad others are involved. Raber reported the number one item people requested was for trails and trails have been addressed in the Park Board 5-Year Plan and the City Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Kring made a motion for Council President

Chandler to sign the support letter on behalf of the City Council, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Old Business:

Live Streaming of Council meetings: Councilman Chandler went over the two quotes for the cameras and to stream. One camera option is around \$1,000 and the other camera has more options which is around \$1,500. Chandler reported we have \$3,000 budgeted for this. Councilman Kring reported he is 100% in favor and my District is in support of this. The County has it and the School is starting to have it. For \$1500, the transparency is worth it. Councilman Ehman stated he was for it and after watching YouTube, he is for it not necessary but not the higher camera though. Councilman Kring suggested to start at the \$1,000 option and maybe swap out cameras later if wanted to. He also stated it is way under budget. Councilman Rippy made a motion to purchase the lesser of the two cameras and see how we like it, seconded by Councilman Kring. A vote was taken, Councilmen Rippy, Kring and Ehman for and Councilwoman Hufford against. The motion was passed with a vote 3 to 1.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2020-01 – A Resolution Adopting The Tipton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan: EMA Director Chuck Bell reported every five years you must complete a County Mitigation Plan. If we don't participate or adopt then we wouldn't get help from FEMA. Councilman Kring stated grant writing Chuck is the guy. Bell reported once he received all the signature pages of the four entities, he would take draft off the plan. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 16500-165097 in the amount of \$350,842.63, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Councilman Chandler congratulated Coach Steven Thompson and his Swimming and Diving Team on a stellar fourth-place finish at the Sectional against 3 Hamilton County Schools. There were a lot of school records broken.

Mr. Bob Edinger stated he wanted to comment regarding the trailer park taking too long or deadlines missed. He thanked the Utilities for working with the people by keeping them in their homes. Mr. Ellis stated he wanted to add one thing, the whole City, Utility Board, Common Council, BOW and the Health Dept. has bent over backward to help us but I think the owners don't care, we are doomed and when somebody says that is it, we will have to move.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer



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Council President