

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on March 9, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Cole Kirby, Madison Hoover, Isiah Parker, Joel Shaul, Malcolm Shuck, Bob Edinger, John Ellis, Judy Coker, Diana Tomlinson, Steve Niblick, Greg Shirley, Laura Shirley, Sharon Teuscher, Sherry Landseadel, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune and Mike Terry.

Mayor Dolezal opened the March 9, 2020, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020, BOW Memorandum without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

423 Sweetland Avenue – RV: Enforcement Division Coker reported gave us a brief history of the property. She advised that on February 25th the RV was still there but in a different form. Coker reported she sent a letter for them to come to the meeting today. She also reported she went by today and took pictures. Mayor Dolezal reported he visited with the Shirley's yesterday. Mr. Shirley has the talent of breaking stuff down except for the frame. Coker reported a lot of debris has been cleaned up since February 25th. She stated all we need is a deadline that is what she is looking for. The Shirley's both addressed the situation. Mayor Dolezal asked Public Works Manager Terry to speak with the Shirley's about potential scrappers. He asked the Shirley's if it was reasonable to remove in two weeks. Mrs. Shirley asked if they got the engine off if they could put it on a skid and put a tarp over it. Mayor Dolezal stated we will give 14 days for a complete cleanup and the engine might be addressed then. Coker stated she was impressed with the clean-up. It was commented that they appreciated the progress.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Cemetery: Cemetery Foreman Tomlinson reported there were six burials, three cremations and four lot sales. She also reported there was no meeting last month. Tomlinson reported there was damage to the fence, two panels need to be replaced. The family of the individual that hit the fence was going to pay for it out of pocket but now has determined they will turn it into their insurance. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated once we have the bill, we will send it to their insurance company. Mayor Dolezal reported we need to reinforce the poles. Tomlinson stated it did stop them from getting into the monuments.

Park: Park Foreman Tomlinson reported the demolition and rebuild of the Babe Ruth field is still on track. There is no asbestos in the dugout. She also reported the demolition and renovation forms will be completed and sent to the Indiana Department of

Environmental Management. Once we receive approval we can move forward with the project. Tomlinson reported she received one quote from Security Pros for the upgrade of the cameras at the Park for \$2500. Mayor Dolezal asked is this for additional cameras. Tomlinson commented no, we have currently five cameras in the Park and we are wanting to quote for eight cameras. Mayor Dolezal reported we want to plan for the trails, and we want cameras on them as well. Tomlinson reported the Baseball League would like to sell food at the Concerts in the Park to raise money for the League. She also reported she advised them to contact the Health Dept. Mayor Dolezal reported the Youth Council might want to do that as a Fundraiser too. He also stated to have the concert list on the website.

Planning Dept. – Enforcement Division: Building Commissioner Niblick reported you received the reports for January and February. He also reported there were 12 permits in February 2020. This includes four new homes in Rosie Estate, Wilson Addition and there will be more. Mayor Dolezal reported how long is the building permit good. Niblick reported one year. He also reported he would let Enforcement Division Coker talk about the violations. Niblick reported the City BZA has a short meeting. He also reported the Planning Commission will meet Thursday, there will be a public hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Code regarding dumpsters and demo permits. A proposal is sent to the Planning Commission from their Standing Committee and then they will recommend it to the City Council for their consideration. Niblick reported the Mobile Home Park, vacation of the trailers was granted a three-month extension with progress and communication and cooperation. He also reported he would like to take this issue to the Hearing Board. Niblick reported he has tried contacting the owner for two weeks and no response and he is revoking the extension and asking Mr. Ross to come to the BOW in two weeks. Councilman Kring stated he appreciates the persistence and response. It was also reported there have been two water tests done and they are not in compliance. The testing was to be 24 hours apart, so they had to redo the testing and as of last Friday we hadn't heard anything. Councilman Rippey asked if no response, what are our legal rights. Niblick stated he would be more prepared in two weeks. He feels it would be handled like a zoning violation. We would mitigate as much to keep it as low cost as possible. We are asking Mr. Ross to appear to answer questions. Coker with Enforcement Division reported there were three new complaints about zoning violations, and they have all been closed. She also went through the case detail report. Councilman Kring asked about the unsafe building at 437 N. Main Street. Coker reported she sent a letter to Mr. Baxter's widow and she is not pleased, in a few months she will send another letter. This is a public safety issue and it is on the main thoroughfare. There was a brief discussion regarding the property and owner situation. Councilman Kring stated the Board should be able to instruct issues without waiting for a complaint. Just like the Alco sign Phifer Karate sign out at Carter's mall. We need to send Mr. Carter a letter regarding those signs need to be taken down. Councilman Kring reported he received a call from a resident regarding litter (cigarettes) from Park 100. It was suggested to contact Mr. Orr about having some type of smoke shack close to their facility outside along with a place for trash. Coker reported she would contact Mr. Orr regarding this.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported he had an update to one of the sheets that were in the packet. The update was on the cost analysis for the extra trash receptacles, he updated the pricing. He also reported they are filling potholes daily. Companies are not making hot patch yet. We are doing cold patch repair and less expensive stone repair. We are trying to keep potholes at a minimum. Terry reported if you know of any potholes call the Street Dept. and it will be put on a list. He also reported he has a proposed driveway application permit. The current application we utilize the Street, Alley and Sidewalk Cut permit application and is steep regarding driveway permit applications. Terry reported if the Council approves the \$100 permit fee with a \$50 refund deposit for the driveway permit, he will ask the BOW to take action to allow his office to use the new driveway permit application form. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the application for driveway permit with the contingency of passing the ordinance on driveway fees, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. There was a brief discussion regarding trash and recycle fees and the cost analysis on this item. They also discussed if 1500 people want a second trash container then we would need new equipment. It was reported Mr. Whitman asked to have an alley put in. Councilman Kring stated we need to either do the alley or don't or check with the Utility, plat it or vacate it. Terry reported some of the neighbors are concerned with things being in the yard and affect their property values. This would give them more access. It was reported the third option would be a variance for a second driveway at his cost. There was some discussion regarding vacating alleys and Utilities using it. If the alley would be vacated it would be extremely hard to get back. Some of the employees at the Street Dept. don't ever remember stone every being there. Councilman Kring reported they ran an issue with this in Curtisville. Terry reported the alley would cost 5k and it cost 26 to 27k to maintain the alleys we have. Councilman Rippy thanked Terry. Public Works Manager Terry reported the Sidewalk Program is changing this year. There will be a cost breakdown and rating system. The current program is 80/20 and with the new style all sidewalks will get rates. This will determine how much City participates. The goal is to use City money on worse sidewalks. This program would go to June 30th then the program would close then the Mayor, BOW and Public Works Manager Terry would see if there is any money left and then we would use that extra money for the worse sidewalks. Terry reported there are a handful of applicants that turned in applications last year. We would step in and offer the 2019 program for 2020 with a letter and if they don't accept the 2019 program then they would be removed from the list on the 2019 program. Mayor Dolezal reported the opportunity to do this they had to already be on the list. Terry stated yes.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Vicky Boyd reported there is a pothole on Development Drive at the corner of Berryman and Development. Public Works Manager Terry reported to call 675-3331 and report it there.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher stated she noticed today and the last session that we worked with the Shirely's, just eager to get it cleaned up. She also stated the person at 437 N. Main where do we stand with that issue with real-time, there is a clear issue they are dragging their feet. Mayor Dolezal stated in real-time, every situation is unique and different and according to progress. There was a brief discussion regarding another property. Mayor Dolezal stated Coker is doing a good job and she is aggressively trying to clean things up. Ms. Teuscher stated she is earnest about it. Mayor Dolezal reported Niblick is doing a good job as well. The trailer park is not going as timely as we would like with people living there. This Board is committed with planning to move forward with cleaning things up. The actions and the results of the office we are getting better at it. Ms. Teuscher stated you are forthright, and she appreciates that. Mayor Dolezal stated thank you for saying so. Councilman Rippe reported if some of your comments mean that possibly the BOW has not worked as diligent as they should have in the past, he assured her this Board that Mayor Dolezal has put together will work faster and more effective.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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President, Board of Public Works and Safety