

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on May 11, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Mike Terry, Bob Edinger, Joe VanBibber, Brad Whitman, Diana Tomlinson, Sharon Teuscher, Steve Niblick, Judy Coker, and Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune.

Mayor Dolezal opened the May 11, 2020, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Brad Whitman asked for an update regarding the alley. Mayor Dolezal stated there is no update but we are working towards installation of stone in the alley. Mr. Whitman stated this is a complex question since originally there was gravel in front of the garage where the opening is now, if he stones that to the alley does he have to repay for a driveway permit since it was existing and it's just overgrown. There would be no digging it would just be laying stone over what is already there. Mayor Dolezal asked if it would be a driveway permit to an alley. Mr. Whitman stated he was told that he had to have a driveway permit even going to the alley because it's considered a driveway cut, but since it was already there it's just overgrown. Mayor Dolezal stated your contention would be it was already there. He also stated he would check on that and get you an answer. Councilman Kring asked Public Works Manager Terry if he would need anything from the BOW or the Council on moving forward to stone that alley. Terry stated it was not in his budget. Mayor Dolezal commented that he has had a discussion with Public Works Manager Terry about looking at other alleys that have not been improved and get recommendations and feedback from the property owners as far as a preference with vacating or improving the alley.

New Business:

Garret Wyant – Promote from Probationary status to FT Firefighter: Mayor Dolezal reported Chief Ogden sent in a recommendation letter to promote Garret Wyant from Probationary status to FT Firefighter effective May 12, 2020. Councilman Kring made a motion to accept Chief Ogden's recommendation to promote Garret Wyant from Probationary to FT Firefighter effective May 12, 2020, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson went over the report with the Board. She also reported on the sign they purchased to mark an area in Block 3 where there are 65 unmarked graves. They are pauper graves from years ago given to us by the County. The sign says "Gone But Not Forgotten". Public Works Manager Terry stated we took this over from Cicero Twp. six years ago and four years ago a study was done in this area. There are some with markers out there.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported the demolition and rebuild of the dugout at the Babe Ruth field has been completed. She also stated the baseball league decided not to have a spring season this year but will have a Fall Ball and a few clinics. Tomlinson reported the first band was scheduled for May 16th (Flying Toasters) and it has been rescheduled for June 27th. She also commented there were two separate occurrences of someone climbing and tearing up the fence around the playground equipment as well as turning over the port-a-pot. Tomlinson stated the restrooms remain closed. May 24th the Governor was opening the Park, we are going to open them up the Friday leading into the weekend. Mayor Dolezal commented to still plan on that and open the restrooms too. It was stated that the sports leagues could start back up June 14th.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher stated she was wondering about the different community guidelines and she has been extremely bored listening to our Governor but the lead way he gives to the Counties. She also stated it seems to her that Tipton has a little more consideration for people pinned up in their homes. What she doesn't understand is do we have a lead way to some of the restrictions going on in other counties that she doesn't like it. Teuscher asked if we are allowed to loosen the strings on the people. Mayor Dolezal stated we are not allowed to loosen the strings we just have more common sense. We usually have a discussion between Chuck Bell, Lindsey Ogden, and the Commissioners whenever we lift any restrictions. We have flexibility. There was a brief discussion on who has jurisdiction over Tipton.

Mr. Whitman reported the Park's Dept. might need to redo the main building, some of the shingles are blowing off. Tomlinson stated when shingles blow off, we have a roofer check it out. The roofer says we have several more years. Mr. Whitman stated Owens Corning might donate shingles to the City, they are architect shingles.

Planning Dept. – Enforcement Division: Planning Commissioner Niblick ran through his permit reports. He also reported the BZA and Planning meetings for this week both have been canceled. The BZA is scheduled for June 10th and the Planning is scheduled for June 11th the locations are TBD. The current limit is 25 people gathering. Mayor Dolezal commented that next month it goes to 100 people. Mayor Dolezal asked about the new homes on Wilson owned by Wetherford. Niblick stated the permits are good for a year and there have been seven issued. There was a brief discussion regarding dumpster permits. Enforcement Division Coker ran through her reports. There was discussion about different code enforcement and how they are handled. Properties at 437 N. Main and 304 W. Adams was also discussed. There was a brief discussion about the FEMA lots, who maintains them, and what they can be used for. Councilman Kring complimented Coker on a fantastic job she is doing.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported he has received permit applications on Wilson Street for driveway permits last week. He also reviewed trash and recycling numbers. Terry stated with people being home we have been busy and are a little behind on extra

trash. He also commented that we have a lot of paving projects going on. There are three for the 2019 CCG and one of them has been completed, the other two phases they had been working on the curb ramps, concrete work, and will start paving today. There are 18 to 20 streets in the 2019 project. Terry reported they are working on the 2020 CCG paving projects and the bid processing. It is a \$1.3 million project. In the next month or two we will be selecting a contractor and they will start paving in August or September. He also stated Cory Mahan is the City Engineer that is managing the work for us. Terry reported the pool and splash pad are working very nicely. It looks like they will be able to fill it up with water the week before Memorial weekend. He also commented that he didn't think we will be able to open the Pool for Memorial weekend because you must have two water samples with the samples being 48 hours apart. We are hoping for the first week of June, the splash pad hopefully Memorial weekend. Terry stated we have been told chlorine kills the bacteria. Mayor Dolezal reported they had a meeting last Saturday and pending construction they are getting things ready. They discussed how the splash pad would work when the pool was opened and when it was closed. Terry reported the fence contractor stated it would be the third week of May and this is for the fence between the pool and splash pad. Councilman Kring asked about bulk items in the alley. Terry commented to call the Street Dept. Kring then asked who pays for that. Terry stated the \$13 a month trash fee. There was a lengthy discussion about extra trash pick-up, the cost, and possibly a cleanup day and classification of a transfer station, possibly a cost for an additional toter that would be on the utility bill. It was also mentioned that Solid Waste will take anything with a cord and recyclable, but they won't take mattresses or furniture. Mayor Dolezal stated to let us know what you have with that plan. He also commented that there are plans to spray the weeds downtown. Terry stated we also discussed watering the flowers soon and that is Tomlinson's department. Mayor Dolezal asked as we ease back into things has the garbage containers been opened back up or what is your plan with them. Terry stated as we open things back up then we will start removing the toters and opening the containers back up as well. Mayor Dolezal commented the toters were there so we didn't have to handle anything and he thinks everyone was okay with that. Mayor Dolezal thanked Public Works Manager Terry for the hard work.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Comments:

Mr. VanBibber stated he was a little confused, was there any action taken or given to the Planning Commission any direction on the 304 Adams Street property. Councilman Kring stated it was his understanding we are having Enforcement Division Coker send him an order to appear. Mayor Dolezal asked if she needed anything stronger than that. Coker stated no she will send a letter out today or tomorrow for him to appear at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 26th. Mr. VanBibber stated he would be as brief as he can and gave dates of complaints made regarding this property. He also stated that in the October 14th BOW minutes it will confirm that Mayor Havens suggested that the Planning Commission Attorney and the City Attorney get together and come back with a

recommendation. I assume that was never done or silenced apparently. Mayor Dolezal asked Commissioner Niblick. Niblick stated he doesn't recall that far back. Coker asked is this regarding the recommendation on limiting the extensions. VanBibber stated yes on this specific property. Niblick stated not necessarily this property but a new ordinance was just passed limiting a permit being good for one year and with one maximum six-month extension. Coker stated with this project we are not considering an extension. It's not even a consideration. Councilman Kring stated because he didn't pay the \$200 fine for not getting a permit. Mr. VanBibber commented that he started mowing the front yard but not the back. Coker stated she will send a letter out tomorrow because she went by the property today and he mowed part of it, but the back is 18 inches tall to the west of the property. Mr. VanBibber commented the back door is not secured, so the property is not secured. He also stated he has dealt with this for 25 months and he has been patient, but it is clear to him Mr. Powell is the offender and the community is the offender. Mr. Powell has received 24 months of consideration. Mayor Dolezal thanked Mr. VanBibber.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety