

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on June 8, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippey, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune and Bob Edinger.

Mayor Dolezal opened the June 8, 2020, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the May 26, 2020, Public Hearing minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor.  
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Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the June 8, 2020, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Rippey reported there were five burials, one cremation, and sold four lots. Mayor Dolezal stated the fence was repaired.

Park Board: Councilman Rippey commented the first concert in the Park is this weekend. He also reported the rebuilding of the dugouts is completed. Councilman Ehman asked for an update on the pool. It was reported the splash pad opened Thursday. There were some paint issues and they finished that up. Mayor Dolezal stated we are seven to ten days out; they have filled the pool and then will balance the chemicals. Councilman Ehman stated he saw the kids painting and the splash pad is being used.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported June 1, 2020, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported they passed Resolution 2020-06 clarifying the HRA/HSA. There was a misunderstanding and interpretation of the S/S and Medicare benefits when being on an HSA plan. He also reported the Utility office is opening to the public on June 15, 2020. Councilman Chandler reported the Board decided not to join the IURC petition regarding the pandemic loss of revenue. He also reported the Board gave Utility Manager Boyer permission to move forward with a proposal of half of the reduction AT&T was requesting. Councilman Chandler stated there was discussion on non-payment of private hydrants. It was the consensus of the Board to turn the hydrants off and bag them as out of service. Boyer will also send a notice to the business owners informing them the hydrants were out of service and ask them to sign a hold harmless agreement.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Animal Shelter Location: Councilman Chandler presented an option regarding a purchase agreement for the humane society building behind Marble Unique. It has a good roof; it will just need additional utilities. The cost is \$10,000 for the building and ½ acre of land and is better suited for this purpose. We would like to get the Council's blessings. We could have a vote next meeting to solidify the agreement so we can have August budget discussions with City and County. Councilwoman Hufford asked about page 3, #11 in the agreement. Councilman Chandler stated this is a standard form for real estate contract but if you look outside of it, I wrote "n/a" because it doesn't apply. Mayor Dolezal reported this is an option contract, not a pledge, it just locks the opportunity to buy at that price. There were a few other questions that Councilman Chandler answered. Councilman Kring stated if this process is an option of the RDC (Redevelopment Commission) then it doesn't need City Council authority to buy this property. There was a brief discussion regarding the RDC and their authority and where the access was to the building. Mayor Dolezal stated the 10 to 12 grand, and it is ideal for the potential location. The option helps in knowing the price can't change on us until we move further. The estimated closing is around \$2,000 and we want to move this along, on how to serve in the community. Councilman Chandler stated we want to get the cards on the table sooner than later, we will discuss this two weeks from now. It was stated the RDC meets on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 3 p.m. There was another brief discussion regarding RDC, the location, and talks with County officials. Councilman Hufford made a motion to recommend the RDC to sign the option agreement, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Councilman Kring reported the RDC Board is Joe VanBibber, Shelly Asher, Greg Burton, Mayor Dolezal, Kegan Schmicker(Liaison) and Brent Cardin. After another brief discussion regarding the RDC being able to decide without Council recommendation, the motion and second were rescinded. Councilman Chandler stated this is more than an economic development issue, it is a piece of real estate, it is the fastest, safest, cleanest, and cheapest way. Councilman Kring commented you don't want to take away the lay people's decision. It is a great property.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported there are three questions he asked City Attorney Quigley regarding the Dezerland property. Explore to see if generalize as the Hopkins property, are all clear or if there is a restrictive covenant. When does the window expire regarding the property tax sale waiting period? Who signs the party to transfer, the three children, Mrs. Hopkins, or who all would need to sign it? He also reported he is looking at giving the RDC four residential lots for folks to get people to build. There are two on Third Street and one on North Main Street. This is an item on the RDC agenda to discuss Wednesday. Mrs. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked if City Attorney Quigley got back with the Mayor. Mayor Dolezal stated he would check back with him in two weeks. Boyd asked to get the addresses for the potential homes to be transferred. Mayor Dolezal stated he would do that.

#### Resolutions and Ordinances:

Ordinance 2020-03 – An Ordinance To Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana, Gena (Massey) Sowash, 516 Maple Street: Councilman Chandler made

a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2020-04 – An Ordinance Abolishing The Building Inspection Fund: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 165764-165880 in the amount of \$3,582,514.39, seconded by Councilman Ehman. The motion was passed with Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, and Rippy all in favor. Councilman Kring abstained from voting.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

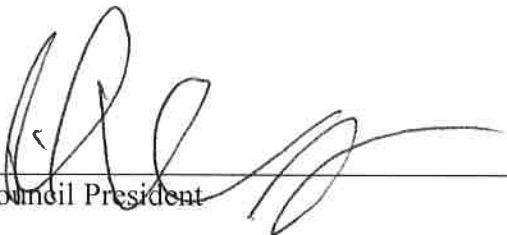
Councilman Kring stated he wanted the City Council to know that Judy Coker is doing a fantastic job and hopefully gets an assistant soon. He also stated Public Works Manager Terry is working hard on several projects from alleys, new paving, and the pool. Everyone is working hard. Mayor Dolezal stated as we get back into the swing of summer. Councilman Ehman stated the streets look nice.

Mrs. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked about the use of equipment and vehicles. Mayor Dolezal stated we passed that out for information. The bigger picture is if we would need to further define use or anything like that and the Council members would bring it forward.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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Council President