

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on September 14, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Barb Cardwell, Dick Klein, Debbie Martin, Richard Martin, Sherry Landseadel, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Rex Boyer, David Christophersen and Amanda Mendenhall.

Mayor Dolezal opened the September 14, 2020, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the August 24, 2020, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the September 14, 2020, BOW meeting.

Park Board: Councilman Rippy reported the Park Board met on September 1st and discussed the cameras in the park and the last concert we had was well attended. He also reported the last concert of the year will be September 26th from 7-9:30 p.m. Councilman Rippy stated the handicap swing was vandalized and we have ordered the parts. He also commented he was in the park on Saturday and it looked excellent.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Rippy reported there were 9 burials, 2 Cremations, and 3 lots sold. He also stated they are working on the prices for the new columbarium. There was a brief discussion on fee increases and the process. Councilman Rippy commented he would check and bring the information back to the next meeting.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported September 8, 2020, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also stated the claims and Resolution 2020-07 and Resolution 2020-08 were approved. Councilman Chandler reported the sewer main repair behind Needlers became a bigger problem when they were attempting to repair the mainline. He also stated there was a blow out of the new sewer liners as they were being pressurized and damaged a couple of cars at Park 100. This cost will be the responsibility of the contractor. Councilman Chandler stated the Water Dept. had a major leak near Dearborn and Green which involved replacing a large section of an 8" cast iron water main. He also commented the Electric Dept. had several outages from the recent storms. Councilman Chandler stated they did a great job with the outages. He also commented Rex Boyer recognized the employees for keeping everything working to minimize the impact on our ratepayers. Mayor Dolezal also agreed they do a tremendous job in the community. Councilman Chandler recognized Utility Manager Boyer, IMPA Commissioner Klein, and Utility Board member Cardwell are in attendance at tonight's meeting.

New Business:

Boys & Girls Club – Amanda Mendenhall: Mrs. Amanda Mendenhall, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club stated she wanted to give a brief update on the Boys & Girls Club and the Teen Program we have is blooming and growing. She gave a brief update on what all they have been doing in the community and at the club along with the changes made since COVID. Mendenhall reported they acquired the Encore area of the CW Mount facility. This area will be used for the teen center and youth in the community. She also stated they have a full-time teen coordinator and assistant. Mendenhall stated there are four full-time staff members and part-time staff. She also commented they are working on a workforce career program, where they will have different community leaders come in and do a career presentation. Councilman Ehman thanked Mrs. Mendenhall for attending and giving us an update on what the Boys & Girls Club is doing. He also commented that she does an amazing job. Mrs. Mendenhall advised the Council they do have tours (members led) if anyone would be interested in stopping by. Mayor Dolezal thanked her for what she does.

Trick or Treat Hours: Councilman Chandler reported Halloween should be at the discretion of the parents or homeowner and it is outdoors, so he suggested to proceed as normal. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Hours from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dolezal reported at the Commissioner's meeting the \$300,000 support for the Schulenburg property was discussed but not approved. They want to be co-investors for that portion of the business park. He also stated the Schulenburg property is essential and the Commissioners did modify and approve the CIP Plan but didn't approve the expenditure. They want some control and involvement with the investment they would be providing. Mayor Dolezal stated there is a resolution approving the Downtown Revitalization Plan on the agenda this evening for discussion only. Rundell Erntsberger Associates have collected and compiled information for the last 12 months. They have provided a report with several details on good ideas for the downtown area. Mayor Dolezal stated he should have a community development director on board in the next week or so.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2020-11 A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund Pool Budget: Mayor Dolezal stated the transfer consist of decreasing line 433 Repair Building in the amount of \$8,300 and increasing line 116 Pt-Time Wages in the amount of \$8,300. He also commented the labor cost was higher than expected and the pool and splash pad opened a

little longer. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-11, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2020-12 – A Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council Concerning Interest In The Acquisition Of Property (Schulenburg): Mayor Dolezal stated this supports our efforts in the business park. If we enter into this purchase \$420,000 and the anticipation that the County Commissioners will join us. Councilman Kring stated this is coming out of Edit, which is your funds to spend, would we jointly own it, who could sell it. Mayor Dolezal commented it carries that potential, it would require us to work together he would like to believe. Will the RDC be controlling the structure or the entity. It would be held in the City name solely unless we offer to own it jointly with the County. Councilman Kring asked about the 10 acres the Economic Development It was stated the foundation owns, did you them for financial support. Mayor Dolezal stated they were not interested at this time. There was a brief discussion regarding the City and County working together and the Economic Development Foundation being on board. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-12, seconded by Councilwoman Hufford. Councilman Chandler stated he has a business relationship with Schulenburg so he will be abstaining. Resolution 2020-12 was passed with all in favor and Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Rippy and Chandler made comments regarding making a good faith effort for all of us to work together as partners.

Resolution 2020-13 – A Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council Concerning interest In the acquisition of property (Humane Society – old Pioneer): Mayor Dolezal stated this investment of \$10,000 would be a good investment no matter what we do with the property, animal service center. We just need to move forward with the purchase. Councilwoman Hufford stated she misunderstood she thought that the purchase was for an animal service center. Mayor Dolezal stated the intent is for the animal service center and he has no other alternative. There was a brief discussion on the intentions for the property and the Humane Society/Animal Shelter. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-13, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Resolution 2020-14 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of Tipton, Indiana Approving the downtown revitalization master plan: Mayor Dolezal stated this is a much-needed design, modernizing of our community. There is a collection of ideas and we can decide what we want to commit funding to. It was stated we must approve this Resolution by the second meeting in October. The grant request will start in the early Spring of 2021. Councilman Ehman stated it is very extensive and exciting for some of the proposals and transforming the downtown, it is a much need for the community. Councilman Kring commented about the grant and stating if we declare any area a blighted or slum area we can go after OCRA funding of 100k to 600k. There was a brief discussion regarding blighted and slum areas. Mayor Dolezal commented it doesn't carry the definition of a slum, it is economically challenged. It was stated to add the Resolution to the agenda for the next meeting.

Ordinance 2020-07 – An Ordinance Revising The City Of Tipton Sewer Use Ordinance (1st Reading): Utility Manager Boyer stated there is an industrial user that requires a pretreatment test every month and they were getting slight readings of cyanide in the wastewater. He also commented they contacted IDEM regarding this, they are changing the method to total cyanide. Councilwoman Hufford asked if it were Park 100 Foods because she would need to know because of voting. Utility Manager Boyer stated it was a company that works with metals. Mayor Dolezal commented IDEM was okay to move forward to this. Councilwoman Hufford asked if the ordinance gets evaluated. Boyer stated yes and it is about time for them to be done again. Councilman Chandler commented the Utility Board passed a similar resolution unanimously. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07 on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Hufford, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 166545-166704 in the amount of \$3,941,527.89, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

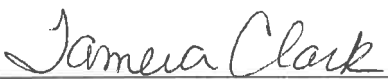
Councilman Chandler thanked everyone who participated in the Declaration 911 Day of Service. Mayor Dolezal thanked Chandler for organizing it as well.


Mr. Richard Martin, Walnut Street, asked about the City paying \$10,000-\$15,000 to put in a driveway. This will take a 17-year easement away, to turn it into an alley, so one guy can have a driveway. There was a discussion regarding the conflicts between the neighbors. Councilman Kring stated you have an alley, or you vacate it, if you vacate, it doesn't vacate the easement, the utilities still have access to the easement. Councilman Ehman stated we have heard the complaint and understand.

Councilman Kring stated we have a reappointment to the Utility Board coming up the first of December, we will vote in November. Utility Board member Cardwell reported her letter had to be in by October 1st if she wanted to be reappointed.

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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Council President