

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on September 28, 2020, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Jeff Stout, Joe Bitner, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Bob Edinger, Sophie Hufford, Brody Brack, Rachel Ripberger, Richard Martin, Debbie Martin, Judy Coker, Laura Schram, Jayvin Lyons, Colin Stapleton, Camden Calloway, Helina Baranowski, Sharon Teuscher, Bob Shirley, Makenzey Harpel and Marcie Harpel.

Mayor Dolezal opened the September 28, 2020, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve September 14, 2020, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Mayor Dolezal reported we will add Martin's after Enforcement Division.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported he appreciated all the Departments for making it through this summer, we all pulled together, along with Police and Fire through COVID.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the August monthly report. He also reported Ambulance 10 is out of service, there has been no news on getting the airbags or price. We currently have Windfall's Ambulance 66 in its place. We are getting quotes for an identical ambulance to Med 81. They have one they will be rolling off the line in October that was going to be a demo, so they would give us the demo price. If we build one custom there is one small change, which is \$1,000 difference to make the change. If we want to use the demo the cost is \$141,485 and if we want to make the change it would go up to \$1,000. To have one custom made it would be \$148,000 range. Chief Bitner reported we are in the hiring process, there were 15 applicants, 14 were present for the test and 11 passed. It was two females and nine males. He also stated he would like to have BOW interviews with them next month and get him to Public Safety Medical and get him approved. Clerk-Treasurer Clark commented if we send him to Public Safety Medical and he is approved through them and Perf we have a certain amount of time to enter his hire date and if there are no openings at this moment that might be a problem. Chief Bitner stated he might see if they will join the auxiliary list and work some part-time and get some experience in. Councilman Kring stated the ambulance is in the 2021 budget. Which is more important build it the way you want it or get it sooner. Chief Bitner stated because of the change it would be beneficial to us if we had to wait. The only thing would be Windfall saying they want it back, but it is not often used. Councilman Rippy asked if we are still getting the box fixed. Chief Bitner stated yes because it will up the trade-in or resale value. If we don't have working suspension the trade value will go way down. Chief Bitner stated he is involved with next year's

ambulance. The final draft went to the Commissioners this morning from the Ambulance Board. Depending on what the Commissioners do we may only need one or may need two ambulances. The Commissioners should send out requests for proposals. Mayor Dolezal stated the proposals are due to the Board on November 9th and the contract is good until January 31st. Chief Bitner stated January 1st is when the contract is up and the Board presented a two-year bid instead of a one year (2021 & 2022). He also reported November 9th they will get the proposals, they will be read, studied, and decided in a month and a half with research, then they will get things in place, this will move quickly.

Police: Chief Stout asked if there were any questions on the monthly stats. He also reported Officer Maddox has an appointment on September 30th and hopes to be clear to return to SRO. Chief Stout reported Asst. Chief Lacy will remain at the school until then, he is doing a great job out there. He also stated Kamden Hoycus is a new hire and has begun the FTO Program about an eight-week program. The two officers that have had him said he is doing a great job, he is writing reports with those officers, he is a good hire. Chief Stout commented we are finally doing some of our training that was postponed due to COVID. We have completed Defensive Tactic Training, Chemical Agent Training and we received our new handguns so we had training with those. He also reported he had one officer in quarantine with no symptoms. He should return to work on October 7th. Chief Stout stated himself and Chief Bitner will be participating with Emanuel Lutheran Day Care for Police and Fire week. We usually take a couple of cars out and the engine and let them climb through them, turn on the lights and give them goody bags. He also reported they have the end of the year Department meeting scheduled for October 16th, we are also going to take a new department photo, we haven't had one since 2017. Lindsey Herron is taking that photo for us and is just charging us the photo session fee.

Enforcement Division: Enforcement Officer, Judy Coker reported we are to have a hearing on 210 & 212 E. Jefferson Street, this was the second-order to appear, but Mr. Cunningham has chosen not to appear. We went through the building and took pictures they show the conditions of the inside. It has been vacant for several years. It was stated they are severely blighted properties. We need to check with the Fire Dept. to see if they put out a fire or if it was set by a squatter. There is a big hole in the roof and there is moss on the floor. Councilman Kring asked if there was evidence of squatting. Coker reported there is a brown paper bag with beer, and it wasn't old beer. There is evidence that people have been in there. She also reported it looks like the bricks are separating, she would like an architectural engineer study done of the building at Mr. Cunningham's cost. There is a risk of the building collapsing. Coker reported she would like a copy of proof of liability insurance for the property. It could hurt someone or damage things. She also stated it borders NAPA wall but she is not sure if they share walls. She stated this is in the main downtown area. Coker requested the Board to fine him \$200 per violation and there are two unsafe violations especially if don't feel it important enough to show up. Councilman Kring asked if we can pay for the Engineer cost with the Unsafe Bldg. fund. Coker reported it is unsafe and a detriment to property. Mayor Dolezal stated he had correspondence with Mr. Cunningham last week. He advised him to secure it

immediately or demo it. It is not worth \$18,300. Mayor Dolezal commented he gave the name of someone who could do the demolition and he acknowledged it. Councilman Kring made a motion to accept the \$200 per day per violation (two violations) fine, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. It was reported 210 E. Jefferson is one violation and 212 E. Jefferson is another violation. Coker stated she would send a letter regarding the engineer report, liability insurance, and the fine for both properties. There was a brief discussion regarding property insurance. Councilman Kring made a motion for Coker to draft a letter requesting or compelling to get an engineer report and provide proof of liability insurance within 15 days, seconded by Councilman Rippey. There was a brief discussion regarding the number of days to provide proof of insurance. Councilman Kring stated the fines start immediately. The motion was approved with all in favor. Councilwoman Hufford advised Coker to look at idoi@in.gov, the Indiana Department of Insurance will tell you about that.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin: Mr. Martin reported they went around the neighborhood and got a petition up we want that easement way between his and Brad Whitman's to be vacated we don't want it turned into an alley. We have almost every neighbor sign this petition. Mayor Dolezal asked if they had a copy of the petition. The Martin's gave him the copy. Mr. Martin stated the alley doesn't benefit anyone, but one person and you are going to do it to build him a driveway. Mayor Dolezal asked if all the neighbors that adjoin the proposed alley are on this petition. Mr. Martin said two of them were on the other petition who said they wanted it now don't want it and they are Mr. Jerry Shirley and Mr. Dennis Goff. Mayor asked about the property owner to the South of Mr. Goff's. Mr. Martin stated she says they use it. Mayor Dolezal stated asked if she doesn't want it vacated. Mr. Martin stated Boyd and Mr. Whitman want it. Mayor Dolezal stated other than that two other property owners are adjoining the alley. The other people on this petition don't adjoin the alley. Mr. Martin stated they are in the neighborhood. He also stated as it stands right now the plan is to install the alley, I appreciate this information and will give it due consideration. Mr. Martin asked when will the alley be completed. Mayor Dolezal stated the survey work is being done and there have been details brought to light. Mr. Martin stated there are flags in the middle of the easement way to my property, does he own half the easement. Mayor Dolezal stated yes but it is still entitled to be an alley. The Goff's have changed their mind to it but the Boyd's are still in favor of the alley. Mr. Martin stated two out of five. Mayor Dolezal stated point taken. Ms. Sophie Hufford, City Councilwoman District 1, in Mr. Martin and Mr. Whitman's district. She stated she is not opposed to the decision the Board makes. Hufford stated she knows Mr. Martin was upset and insulted you the Mayor and the Board and he is living what he considers a nightmare. My issue on both sides is in the BOW minutes she doesn't see where due process was given to either side. She also reported that she was told Mr. Martin couldn't ask for his request because of COVID or he would have been here sooner. Hufford reported by the minutes on April 13th no decisions have been made, on May 11th, no update but working towards installing stone. So for both parties to put this at rest, please consider both sides, consider the majority and make a decision. Now you have in your hand a request to vacate by people it is important to and it is a costly thing for taxpayer

dollars to put in an alley that has not been used in 50 years by the City. She also stated she talked to the Street Commissioner and she is lead to believe this is not a good decision to put in the alley.

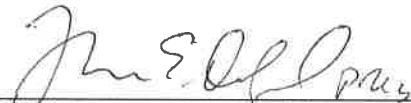
Ms. Sharon Teuscher asked for an update on the Ross Trailer Park. She stated she was curious regarding the extent of what developed there because there are drainage pipes there. It was stated we don't have any idea, that is private property, and nothing has been filed with the Building Commissioner's Office. Coker commented it is the sewer project the Utilities are doing. Teuscher asked if the improvement of private property if the money was supplied by Mr. Ross or is the City improving the property. It was stated the City is not paying for any improvements. Teuscher asked if they have no fines. Councilman Kring commented the fines are still on there and the Utility fines. Teuscher commented the work improved the looks of the trailer court, good job on that. Mayor Dolezal stated thank you we normally don't get a compliment.

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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President, Board of Public Works and Safety