

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on February 22, 2021 at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilman Rippy and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Kring was not present.

Others: Ken Ehman, David Lacy, Lindsey Ogden, Judy Coker, Kegan Schmicker, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Sherry Landseadel, Laura Sottong, Malisha Sharp and Sharon Teuscher.

Mayor Dolezal opened the February 22, 2021 BOW meeting.

Mayor Dolezal recognized the recent success of the Lady Basketball team and swimmer Ayden Stanley for advancing to the State Finals this weekend. He also recognized Dane Burton who was selected to the IBA All-State Honor Band and Katelyn Riddle being chosen to the IBA All-State Band.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Bitner reported Josh Smyles will start Wednesday, February 24th, part-time unless we get PERF approval back then he will be full-time. It was reported he would be a good asset to the community.

Police: Asst. Chief Lacy handed out the January stats. He also reported the physical and written test was done January 30th there were four applicants, two out of state and two in state. They will go to Interview Board on March 15th. Lacy reported the speed signs are in and will be up tomorrow, one at Quick Cup coming from the East and Hulen Dentistry coming from the South. He also reported the F-150 truck won't be in until September or October, we are asking to switch to Option 1 to get the five Ford Explorers. Lacy reported Kamden Hoycus will do Physical Fitness Assessment on March 15, 2021. He also reported with the time of the truck they desire to go with the fifth Ford Explorer. They can order it today if approved. Councilman Rippy made a motion to change to Option 1 on the bid for five Ford Explorers in the amount of \$161,695, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor. Lacy reported they would order it today.

Planning/Enforcement Division: Judy Coker reported she is requesting an order to appear for Canterbury Apartments for not providing heat to three units, one was repaired. The Determination Order, issued February 17th, gave them five days to get it fixed and it is not done, however it does have emergency heat. She also reported the State requires minimum temperature of 68 degrees. Sottong apartment was 64 degrees and the other apartments were 67 degrees. Coker reported Canterbury wants to wait until Spring and

she doesn't feel that is fair. The State Health Code states you must provide heat to all dwellings without help of a portable space heater. There was a lengthy discussion on the issues and what the next step would be. Councilman Rippey made a motion to order someone from Canterbury Apartments to attend the March 8th BOW meeting, seconded by Mayor Dolezal, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal asked if Coker had any correspondence with the Lewis Building. She stated she has not. It was reported to check with the legal standing and Mr. White the Attorney. Coker reported 437 N. Main Street, unfortunately had sold and buyer was ready, but there are probate issues. Coker reported she spoke with the property owner and they want the property sold, we are going to check with Estate Attorney and Financial Institution.

Ms. Sharon Teuscher stated the five Explorers would be \$32,339 each, that is a good price. Mayor Dolezal reported he appreciated the support on the price, but we need to add equipment to them. Asst. Chief Lacy reported they are a designed package, Ford Police Interceptor, State pricing. It is extra to outfit them. Teuscher reported based on numbers with citizens, City or County, how many more in population to support Police/Fire/Ambulance to keep people here. Mayor Dolezal reported that is an impossible question to answer, he hopes to double population. He also reported we will continue to work on compensation. We have the best trained, equipped forces in the City of Tipton.

Mr. Kegan Schmicker, Chamber Director, reported the downtown sidewalks are a hazard to the environment downtown, they are unwalkable because of the snow. He also reported Public Works Manager Terry is not here but its not complimentary to downtown and safety hazards. It's a perception issue. Next season we need to get them walkable. Mayor Dolezal reported the Street Dept. did a tremendous job with the snow we had, but there is individual ownership as well. Boyd with Tipton Tribune addressed some of the sidewalk issues to the street, there is not a lot of places to walk, who is responsible for that? Mayor Dolezal reported it is a team effort.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety