

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on February 22, 2021 at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Dick Klein, Malisha Sharp, Jeff Stout, David Lacy, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Jeffrey Ogden, and Laura Sottong.

Mayor Dolezal opened the February 22, 2021 Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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. Mayor Dolezal reported he is proud and wishes the best going forward.

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

BOW: Councilman Rippy reported from the February 22, 2021 BOW meeting.

GAC: Councilman Ehman reported the February 9, 2021 GAC minutes are enclosed. He also reported they reaffirmed the President for the GAC. Councilman Ehman reported the Council approved the new fees. They hope the Golf Course opens on time this year which will bring a bigger increase in revenue. He also reported with the Creek Project they have started removing trees along 18 and Superintendent Talley has removed some trees as well.

Goodwill Committee: It was reported the Committee met on Friday, February 19th and they had a nice discussion. Commissioner Henderson, Councilman Chandler and Ehman, Mayor Dolezal and Twp. Trustee Henderson.

DSW: Councilman Kring reported the Board met on Tuesday, February 16th. He also reported the schools are going to help with the community effort, so they are offering a schoolteacher \$5,000 stipend to help with this effort. Councilman Kring reported they are looking at disposing of two compactors valued at \$10,000 each.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman reported the Committee met and had a good meeting. The sidewalk program was successful, and we plan on using the same program for this year. He also reported there was a big discussion regarding parking signs and the standard widths of streets and whether to allow parking on both sides. Councilman Ehman reported the 2021 Community Crossing Grant applications have been

filed and the street ratings are complete. He also reported there was discussion of what alleys need vacated in the City.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford reported the Planning needs so much training, so they had a zoom meeting last Thursday, February 18th for a training session.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the February 15, 2021 Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reviewed some of the items discussed in the meeting. Councilman Chandler reported Jim Ankrum will be replacing Utility Manager Boyer when he retires. He will do a very good job.

Youth Council: Nothing to report.

Humane Society: Councilman Chandler reported they are doing a clean-up on Saturday, March 13th at 9 a.m. at the Humane Society building. Recycle Guy donated a dumpster. He also reported you can come anytime, bring gloves, protective equipment and masks are required, social distancing is recommended.

Ordinance Committee: Councilman Chandler reported the Committee looked in depth at the Animal Control Ordinance. We did an enforceable overhaul of the ordinance. Councilman Chandler reported City Attorney Quigley should have it back to us in the next few months for approval.

RDC: It was reported the Commission met on Thursday, February 18th and they focused on the disposition of the six lots making them available to build homes in a 12-month period.

Work Session: Mayor Dolezal reported the Council had a work session last Thursday, February 18th, discussing issues regarding Public Safety and City employees. He also stated he appreciated all the City workers. We bring back some proposals, gather details, and input from further discussion. Mayor Dolezal reported he received legal advice, and on taking up the Base and Longevity we need to wait for this until budget process. As far as incentives, retention, and attraction we can continue to look at this.

New Business:

Ad Hoc-Public Building & Infrastructure Adv. Committee- Appointments: Councilman Chandler reported we are looking for names for consideration. He also reported two Council members – Councilman Ehman and Kring and one lay member, Rich Vautaw, Building person. Councilman Kring made a motion to accept the appointments, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dolezal reported the BZA appointment is Robert Cochran, he replaces Jake Heard. Cochran accepted the appointment. The two alternate BZA members are Kendra Tragesser and Chad Huff. They also accepted as alternates for the BZA. Mayor Dolezal reported he recommended Jim Ankrum as Utility Manager Boyer's replacement. He comes from Thiemann. The question was asked when will Boyer retire. It was reported 1st of April. Councilwoman Hufford asked if Mr. Ankrum will be introduced to the Board. It was reported yes, he would be at some point. It was also reported they are working on rezoning the 60 acres from S1 to I2. Councilwoman Hufford asked about the Industrial Park and US 31 and no access to Division Road. There was a brief discussion regarding the interchange.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2021-03- A Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council To Sell Real Estate Located at 525 E. Madison Street, Tipton, Indiana. Mayor Dolezal reported we are looking at selling real estate at 525 E. Madison. There is a well head there surrounded by Park 100 Facility. Utility Manager Boyer reported the well has not been used for 4-5 years, the water line was in disrepair and cost would be exorbitant, it was a low producer, so we closed it. He also reported Park 100 Foods would like to have it. Boyer reported we did the process to dispose it and, in the title work, we found by eminent domain owned by City, so we need Council approval. Councilwoman Hufford asked if Park 100 Foods would use the well. Boyer reported they can't use the well, it's closed and not usable. They will probably pave the area, take down the building and park there. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor and Councilwoman Hufford abstained.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 167837-167924 in the amount of \$372,391.37, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Chief Stout stated in the discussion you mentioned an IC code and the opinion of the City Attorney. He asked about IC 36-4-7-3 and it doesn't apply to Police and Fire, Section 1, the salary can be increased or decreased by Executive. Councilman Kring reported that sounds like the Executive could override. Chief Stout read a letter he received by email from Angie Murray. Councilman Chandler reported he appreciated the information and he spoke to Ms. Murray regarding her letter and she is a very nice lady.

Firefighter Ogden reported he appreciates what's happened and moving forward getting more information. Any member of the Fire Dept. wants to be a part of it, and you are welcome to come ask questions, the door's open. We want to help find a solution to the problem. We appreciate everything, we are a training ground, and we are losing great members.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Police and Fire wages, benefits, and training.

Councilman Kring reported his opinion. We need Unigov, there are too many duplications

of services. Utility Board member Dick Klein reported the County Council will meet tomorrow evening regarding Sheriff Frawley losing people.

Ms. Laura Sottong asked about the process of the ordinance regarding Canterbury Apts. There was a lengthy discussion on this item.

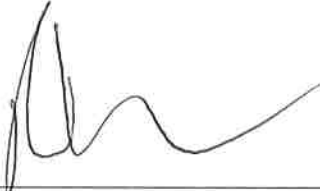
Clerk-Treasurer Clark wished the Lady Devils Good Luck at State along with Ayden Stanley and the band members.

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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Council President