

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on March 22, 2021 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, Brayden Clark, Sherry Landseadel, Mike Terry, Ken Ehman, Kegan Schmicker, Erin Shockley, Cole Jackson, Susie DeVault, Jeffrey D. Ogden, Mark Baird, Judith Leininger, Laura Sottong and Judy Coker.

Mayor Dolezal opened the March 22, 2021 BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Hiring of Police Officer: Chief Stout recommended approving Michael Firks from Panama City Police Dept., three plus years as an SRO Officer. He would be great for the Department and our community. He has a lot of qualifications. He also reported after going through the Public Safety Medical and PERF evaluation and giving a two-week notice to his employer. Chief Stout reported this would be our first lateral transfer. We will need to work out the funding for that. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Chief Stout's recommendation to hire Michael Firks pending passing Public Safety Medical and the physical, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. It was reported he would be moving from Florida to Indiana.

Street Closure – N. Main Street – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> – Susie DeVault: Mrs. DeVault requested the 100 block of N. Main Street from the alley to Washington Street to be closed on the July 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m., July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> until 3 p.m. The vendors will be set up on the east side and there will be a 20 ft emergency access on the west side of N. Main Street. She also reports she talked to all the businesses except Quigley and Harper. Mayor Dolezal asked DeVault to talk to them all including the banks. There was discussion on what all was going on that day. Public Works Manager Terry reported there was a negative recommendation for the closure because of safety concerns. There were suggestions to close off the 100 block of N. Main that way no one could turn off Jefferson Street and go North but they could exit the bank and go South on N. Main Street. The street closure was tabled until they come up with a solution and get with the other businesses. There was discussion regarding the semi traffic as well.

Farmers Market – Kegan Schmicker: Chamber Director Schmicker reported Erin Shockley and Bob Edinger would be managing the Farmers and Artisan Market. We are requesting closing the parking lot at Court Street and Mosers, beginning of May to the end of October. He also reported we are extending the Market season and increasing the participation. There was discussion about marketing, the winter market and expanding

the market including different vendors, along with the music will be back this year. The Board suggested for the Farmers & Artisan Market to complete a Street Closure permit application and then come back.

Fire: Chief Bitner reported you have the February monthly reports, are there any questions. He also reported the new ambulance will be completed in one month. Chief Bitner reported when we get the new ambulance current Medic 81 will have some repairs done and then we will sell old Ambulance 10. He also reported the new engine chassis was ordered it will be 8-9 months and then 3-4 months once the chassis is in to get the body on. Mayor Dolezal stated it is a year out. Chief Bitner reported the longest part is getting the chassis ready, plus COVID slowed a lot of things down. He also reported Josh Smyles is the new hire and is doing well. Chief Bitner reported we had an earlier discussion, and the Pension Board recommends termination of Andrew Brown. Councilman Rippy made a motion to terminate Firefighter, Andrew Brown effective immediately, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Councilman Kring reported we lost a former Fire Chief, there were lots of firefighters at his service and want to send condolences to his family.

Police: Chief Stout reported we have received the four Ford Explorers and we are working on them getting outfitted with equipment and decals. He also reported the fifth one should be the first part of April. Chief Stout reported we received \$2,000 trade in value for the Impalas and \$6,000 trade in value for the Chargers. He also reported Officer Hoycus is doing virtual training for two more weeks and then will start at the Academy. Chief Stout reported the speed signs are up and working, they are mobile so they can be moved. He also reported we may purchase another one next year. Chief Stout reported the Annual State Mandate Training is April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. He also asked about the Committee for City buildings because we had a leak at the Public Safety Building. It was reported the appointments to the Committee have been made. Councilman Kring reported we need to get a meeting set up. Mayor Dolezal asked if there were any recommendations on someone to look at the roof. Chief Bitner reported Pete Altherr is who done the current metal roof. Mayor Dolezal suggested to get a hold of him and have him look at it. Chief Stout reported we are looking at an internship with High School. We are also looking at revamping the Explorer Program. There was discussion on what revamping the program would look like and the ride along process.

Planning/Enforcement Division: Enforcement Officer Coker updated the Board on Canterbury. She advised fines were assessed at \$100/day/violation of two units for March 8<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Coker reported Inspector Vautaw inspected both units and all was functional. She also reported the total fines was \$600 for the three days, she sent an email to Clerk-Treasurer Clark regarding the fines, and the case is closed. Coker reported the fines are working the way they are supposed to. Mayor Dolezal thanked Coker for her work.

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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