

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on October 8, 2018 at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilmen Curnutt, Morgan, Chandler, Ogden and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Rippy was not present.

Others: Darst Jacobs, Bob Edinger, Roberta Heinzmann, Jason Henderson, Nate Kring, Dick Klein, Sherry Landseadel, Austin Anders, Nate Slack, Lauren Allison, Mason Evy, Rachel Burke, Dylan Muse, Nate Sayers, Micahla, Lynnea Humrichous, Kennedy Ripperdan, Mary Tragesser-Tina, Emily Isaac, Peighton Ryan, Emma Hill, Tanner Tatman, Adam Dell, Taylor Irmeger, Luke Stoker, Isabella Lee, Brayden Jones, Reid Peed, Hyatt Flanigan, Nikita White, Lilly Duvall, Chloe Moore, Hannah Summers, Elijah Lillis and Isaac Herria.

Mayor Havens opened the October 8, 2018 Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Havens reported we have a new Council member with us this evening. Rick Chandler was sworn in this afternoon and is replacing the unexpired portion of Tim Clark's term in District 3.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the September 24, 2018 Public Hearing without amendment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the September 24, 2018 Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Ogden, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Curnutt reported from the October 8, 2018 BOW minutes.

Cemetery Board: Nothing to report.

Park Board: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the Board met on Tuesday, October 2nd.

Planning Commission: Councilman Curnutt reported the Commission met on the first Thursday of September and approved and recommended to forward the information back to the BOW. He also reported the next meeting is this Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Utility Board: Mayor Havens reported the October 1, 2018 Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported the Council, or he would appoint a Council member to the Utility Board.

New Business:

Halloween Hours: Mayor Havens reported last year the Council approved October 30th and 31st from 5-8 p.m. Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve Tuesday, October 30th and

Wednesday, October 31st from 5-8 p.m. for Trick or Treat hours, seconded by Councilman Morgan. Mr. Jacobs reported the Library is open until 9 p.m. on October 31st. Councilman Curnutt reported we ran that by the Library this afternoon and they were fine with it. Councilman Morgan stated if you are done by 8 p.m. then turn your light off. The motion was approved by all with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Mayor Havens commented Councilman Chandler can vote if he is not at the meeting.

Health Insurance Premium Rebate: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the City received a Health Insurance Premium Rebate for 2017 in the amount of \$6,717.13, under the Affordable Care Act. Mayor Havens stated there was threshold on the premium and the difference was paid back. Councilman Ogden made a motion based on the percentage of premium paid for 2017 is how the rebate should be distributed: City 63%, Utility 37% and Employee 0%. The employee percentage is less than 1/1000th of 1% therefore they shall not be included in the rebate process, seconded by Councilman Curnutt. Mayor Havens reported the employees pay \$1 per year in premiums. The motion was passed with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report:

RDC Update: Mayor Havens reported we are trying to get the old Chamber building into the hands of the RDC so they can write a request for proposal. This will take up to 60-90 days to get it totally completed. He also commented we are looking at a couple of other properties involving the RDC. Mayor Havens stated Tipton hasn't used the RDC this effectively.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2018-06 – A Resolution to Reduce 2018 Appropriations in EDIT Fund: Councilman Ogden read the Resolution in its entirety. Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 reducing \$524,600 in 2018 Appropriation in EDIT Fund, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Resolution 2018-19 – A Resolution To Reduce 2018 Appropriations in the General Fund: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-19 (all figures attached) reducing \$513,662 in 2018 Appropriations in General Fund, seconded by Councilman Morgan. Councilman Morgan reported this is part of adopting the budget for next year and to get the books in balanced. Resolution 2018-19 was passed with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Resolution 2018-20 – A Resolution To Reduce 2018 Appropriations in the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-20 reducing \$59,331 in 2018 Appropriations in Local Road and Bridge Matching

Grant Fund, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Ordinance 2018-07 – An Ordinance Setting Salaries For Elected Officials For The Year 2019 As Required By IC: 36-4-7-2: Councilman Ogden read Ordinance in its entirety. Mayor Havens reported it reflects a two percent raise like the City employees. Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-07 on first reading. Mayor Havens reported the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer receives pay from TMU (City owned) the range is around \$61,000 added together. Councilman Morgan seconded the motion, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Morgan made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-07 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Ordinance 2018-08 – An Ordinance Setting The Maximum Salaries, Wages And Other Compensation For Police Officers, Firefighters And All Other Employees Of The City Of Tipton For The Year 2019: Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-08 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Morgan. Mayor Havens reported all full-time employees getting a two percent, nothing more or nothing less. Ordinance 2018-08 was passed on first reading with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Morgan made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-08 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Curnutt with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Ordinance 2018-09 – An Ordinance On Budget Form 4 Adopting The 2019 Budget: Councilman Ogden made a motion approving Ordinance 2018-09 Adopting the 2019 Budget on first reading, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Morgan made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Ogden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-09 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Curnutt. Mayor Havens reported if the Net AV comes in as what was reported to the State and they accept, the tax rate will be a penny less. Councilman Morgan reported we work on the budget several months and it is the budget for next year. Mayor Havens reported we are adopting the budget on 7.3 million assuming the AV with a tax rate of 2.24. Ordinance 2018-09 was passed with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$3,402,102.39 to include claim numbers 161076-161178, seconded by Councilman Ogden, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining. Councilman Morgan stated this is paying the bills and transfers.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Councilman Morgan congratulated Emma Kelly with her 6th place State finish in Golf. Mayor Havens stated he has followed girls golf along with Emma at the three State Finals. The High School and Community can't ask for a better representative.

Councilman Morgan congratulated Nate Slack for the winning field goal to beat Western on Friday night.

Mr. Nate Kring commented that it must be the end of the nine weeks. He also stated he teaches at IUK and he has procrastinators there too. Mr. Kring applauded Mr. Chandler, especially being young and getting involved. Mr. Chandler reported he will fill the void and run for election. Mr. Kring encourage the young people to move back to Tipton and volunteer. Mayor Havens stated Mr. Chandler is a young person compared to Councilman Morgan.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked for Mayor Havens to clarify the reduction for Edit. Mayor Havens reported the money we are spending on the Pool we will be moving to the 2019 budget. He also stated he didn't delete the Edit project just switched the time.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked if the high grass problems are home owners or businesses. Councilman Curnutt stated yes, they are both. Heinzmann asked if they are repeat offenders. It was reported some are banks, with Property Management Groups, we have absentee landowners, buy/rent out/or make deals, we can only take action on owners. Heinzmann stated the high grass if it is elderly people with a reasonable problem to get the grass cut. Mayor Havens reported if the elderly person can't maintain we try to find someone to assist like a church, etc. Heinzmann commented you might use the Boy Scouts, they have a beautification project. Mayor Havens stated that is a good suggestion.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked about the W. Jefferson property, west side of the creek. Mayor Havens commented he spoke to Mr. Andrews last week and we are a month out for further discussion with the current owner.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann stated since Mr. Chandler is new could he fill us in about himself. Mr. Rick Chandler said he lived in the Tipton Community for 21 years, married to Karri Chandler, daughter of Pat Logan. He also said he has two sons, Ethan a freshman at Ball State and Evan a freshman at Tipton High School. Chandler also commented he has been in the insurance industry for 10 years, six years with Country Corner Insurance as an agent with focus on Commercial Accounts. He also stated he is a member of West Street Christian Church and a Boy Scout Master.

Mr. Bob Edinger asked how much the Health Insurance Premium Rebate was for. It was reported the amount was \$6,717.13. Mayor Havens stated the threshold is if they haven't paid out 80 percent in claims then the difference is rebated. The City pays much larger in premiums or you could reduce your future premium. Edinger stated that is a good deal.

Mayor Havens commented we buy insurance for the current year and it is the same rate as last year, no increase in premium.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Morgan called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor with Councilman Chandler abstaining.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President