

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on March 25, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilmen Curnutt, Morgan, Chandler, Ogden and Rippy, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ramsey

Others: Bob Edinger, Meg Bradley, Nathan Kring, Dick Klein, Tipton Tribune

Mayor Havens opened the March 25, 2019, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy with all in favor.

GAC: No meeting held. Golf Pro, Ryan Bontrager was in attendance to bring the Council up to speed as to happening at the golf course. He reported there have been new members appointed to the GAC. He also stated they have removed 80 plus trees and stumps on the grounds and it is looking much cleaner. Golf Grounds Superintendent Jake Talley has purchased three pieces of equipment this winter. He purchased two mowers and a utility vehicle. He has also hired new employees and they have worked to clean up the maintenance area. They have filled three dumpsters and it is also looking really good. Golf Pro Bontrager also commented that a lot of maintenance has taken place inside the clubhouse over the winter. Councilman Curnutt asked how the irrigation system is going. Golf Pro Bontrager stated it is going great and we are excited to see how it improves things this summer.

Goodwill Committee: Councilman Rippy stated the Goodwill committee met last Friday at Jim Dandy and it was a full house with good food and great conversation.

Solid District Waste Board: Nothing to report

Street, Alley, and Sidewalk: Councilman Ogden stated they discussed 2019 plans and future repairs. Mayor Havens commented there are 22 to 23 items on the checklist that are in some form of active discussion.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler stated they met Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated the solar farm is coming along well and the startup is expected in late May.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Havens stated he has extended an offer of employment to Steven Thompson for the open 2019 Pool Manager position. Mr. Thompson has accepted the position. He will also be the lead on the splash pad project. Mayor Havens also stated he has appointed Joe Bitner as the new Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. Bitner is replacing former Assistant Fire Chief Brad Clouser who retired.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve claims 162356 to 162458 in the amount of \$357,259.15, seconded by Councilman Rippey with all in favor.


Petitions, Complaints, Comments & Memorials: Mr. Bob Edinger ask how the Edwards situation is going. Mayor Havens stated we are still in talks with Mr. Edwards. Mr. Edinger asked if they were going well. Mayor Havens commented that in his opinion they are and he feels Mr. Andrews and confirm that. Mr. Kring has been involved in those discussions and I think he can confirm that as well. Councilman Curnutt commented that he did take an observation that there are substantial improvements that Mr. Andrews has done. He stated the second building from the East looks like it may be completed on the outside and he is working on the first one from the East as well. It looks like he is working on the metal roof and the side walls have been improved as well. Mayor Havens stated the big issue is what to do with the concrete. Vickie Boyd with the Tipton Tribune asked if that was the main thing. Mayor Havens commented that would include trying to identify the volume, the cost and how to process it and whether to grind it onsite or offsite and also where to store it, onsite or offsite. If we store it onsite there becomes the question of usability of the ground in the future. Mayor Havens also stated our goal is to improve the appearance of the gateway. If we chose to store it onsite the corn processing facility has large concrete basements and some can be stored on that site but would not necessarily be stable for future construction. Future construction is in Mr. Andrews interest however improvement of the gateway is in our interest. Mayor Havens stated he feels they are making progress in the discussions. Ms. Boyd asked if the grindings could be used somewhere. She also asked if they could be ground into gravel. Mayor Havens stated they could be used but they would have to be hauled and that is an expense. If you are able to dispose of them onsite then your cost is reduced substantially. It is expensive to haul it away. Ms. Boyd asked if there is someplace that will grind those and use them. Mayor Havens stated yes but you would have to haul the chunks to the place and it is easier to bring the equipment to the site. Ms. Boyd asked if they would do that. Mayor Havens responded yes they would but for a cost. He also stated it has no value to anybody. It is all a cost item, there is nothing there that can be sold. It is a fairly complex situation Ms. Boyd asked if it could be used to fill areas that needed to be filled. Mayor Havens stated yes. Ms. Boyd asked if it could be used to fill areas like on US 31. Councilman Morgan stated you have to be careful with flood plain areas. Councilman Morgan asked if anything was going on with the PNC building. Mayor Havens replied no and that we are trying to get a handle on a potential environmental issue that may affect this property. The environment issue at this point is not on the property that we are

proposing to purchase but affects the property. There is a chance the issue has been resolved but we cannot find any record of it.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Morgan moved to adjourn seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer:

  
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Council President

  
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Councilman Morgan