

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on June 24, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilmen Curnutt and Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Jeff Stout, Kegan Schmicker, Jeff Ogden, Sharon Teuscher, Suzie DeVault, Sherry Landseadel and Cori Chatterton with Purdue Extension Community Wellness Coordinator.

Mayor Havens opened the June 24, 2019, Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve the June 10, 2019 BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Morgan, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Approve REA contract and Mendenhall & Associates contract for Downtown Revitalization Master Plan: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported we need to approve the contracts.

Councilman Morgan made a motion for Mayor Havens once he has received, reviewed and accepted the contracts he is authorized to sign the contracts, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Peddler's Market – Suzie DeVault: Suzie asked for the alley to be closed between the Phifer's Fitness and her building at 120 N. Main Street on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to the cross alley. She stated she only needed a couple of barricades. Mayor asked how long the event has been going on. Suzie stated it's the 8<sup>th</sup> annual event and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual at this new location. So far so good. Suzie commented that she had one concern, there is a huge pothole that she would like for it to get filled before the 12<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve the request to close the alley from July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. from the sidewalk to the cross alley. Mayor Havens reported the barricades would be handled by the Street Dept. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morgan, with all in favor. Mayor Havens thanked her for all she does for the community and the vitality brought to the block.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Ogden handed out his monthly report. He also reported he signed the purchase contract for the washer and dryer that will clean the turnout gear. There is money in the special equipment fund to purchase them. Chief Ogden reported he received a resignation letter from Tim LaFever. He is a good employee and candidate, but we can't keep or compete with Hamilton County. Chief Ogden reported we are already doing the hiring process to get ready for me leaving. He also reported we have two candidates left from the last process, Joseph Box and Travis Switzer. We would like to send Travis to Public

Safety Medical to fill the position and if he passes then we will bring him back to the Board. Mayor Havens reported he would like to re-interview, but we need to restructure the interview process. Chief Ogden reported the guys from the department want to meet with the Council regarding pay and longevity. We need to utilize the money better to retain employees. He also reported he is checking with Alexandria and Elwood regarding their employment contract and have City Attorney Quigley review it. Chief Ogden reported it's a five-year contract and if they leave less than three years then they pay back the City for what they put in for them. We are looking for the deterrence and things to do to help retain them. The issue is long-term, the retirement is a much higher benefit. Mayor Havens stated this is set through state statute. Chief Ogden stated the amount established is done locally. He also reported the hiring process is better quality candidates. Our part-time is way down, full-time is having to fill in. Mayor Havens recommended to have them meet with the Mayor and a two-member committee from the Council so we can have early discussions. Chief Ogden reported on June 17<sup>th</sup> Seals Ambulance Service moved into the Tipton Fire Department with some equipment and paramedic. We will change our operations as issues come along. Ambulance 10 is a back-up and an EMT goes with the Medic, we have additional manpower. There are two guys in the box. This has worked out well so far. This is until end of the year. We are in the hiring process of PT/FT. He also reported Engine 11 goes to RPI on Wednesday. The Engine is 20 years old and the valves are sticking and not closing because of City water and to operating daily. They are going through the balls and getting the pump back to top shape. The expense will be between 1500-2500. Chief Ogden reported the new radios and portables are in, hope they last for a long time. He also reported the Street Dept. radios had the wrong template so they will schedule that with Motorola and ERS. Mayor Havens asked what the total program cost. Chief Ogden reported \$210,000 but 5 radios for the TPD and five radios for TFD were paid from the State 911 funds so the total cost for the City was around \$189,000. We have the down payment and should be able to pay off the radios next year. Chief Ogden reported the defibrillator is out of date in 2020 and they run \$32,000 new.

Police: Asst. Chief Stout reported you received the monthly and yearly stats. He also reported Chief Clark is on vacation until July 8<sup>th</sup>. We are taking applications from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>. This will fill Chief Clark's spot when he retires. Officer Maddox is in Tennessee for the National Resource Conference, this is a week-long conference. He also reported they have stopped writing tickets to City Court, so they are writing citations to Circuit Court at the end of last month. Asst. Chief Stout reported everyone has there radios except for the two at the academy. He also stated we had to tweak the emergency button on the radios. Asst. Chief Stout reported we have had some juvenile issues on the weekend.

Chief Ogden stated we are going to interview before sending anyone to Public Safety Medical. We are hiring a Firefighter/EMT, what can we do. He also stated the answers in the interview are rehearsed, there are keywords in the interview. Chief Ogden reported they use a lie detector test in Hamilton County during the interview.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety