

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety Public Hearing held on July 8, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Patty Julius, Rebecca Redmon, Jill Curnutt-Howerton, Darlyn Hughes, Del Hughes, Rick Chandler, Community Service Officer – John Alley and Sherry Landseadel.

Mayor Havens opened the Public Hearing at 11:45 a.m. on the Dog Kennel License. The public can make their views. This does not require answers to questions just the opportunity for the public to speak. Traditionally we try to answer questions relevant to the issue at hand. The specific application of Rebecca Redmon for a dog kennel license at her resident, 453 N. West Street, Tipton. Mayor Havens reported the City Code requires four or more domestic animals (dog) at a single resident needs to have a kennel license. This is not for commercial use Ms. Redmon has five dogs at her resident. Mayor Havens started the hearing and asked for anyone wishing to speak to state their name and address.

Patty Julius, 457 N. West Street, Tipton, stated she is not in favor of this, having five dogs in town. That is not good, and they get out and bark. She also stated she loves dogs and cats but that is too many for in town. Mayor Havens thanked her for making us aware of her feelings.

Mayor Havens asked is there anybody in favor. There was no comment.

Community Service Officer – John Alley reported he would like to offer up comments appropriate to the hearing. Mayor Havens reported this is to get the information out, no decision will be made during the public hearing. CSO Alley reported he done an inspection of the property and have been there numerous times in the past. He also reported her grandsons dog got out two times and he issued her grandson a citation for running at large. Alley reported her property has not been cleaned up. The mowing has not been completed and advised the Board he took pictures of the property. He also reported the fence is inadequate and not feasible to keep the dogs in, they could get out. Ms. Redmon asked where at in the back, on the northside by the alley. CSO Alley stated it is leaning towards the property. Redmon advised she mowed yesterday and had a problem with the mower. Alley reported there is trash and everything and the dogs are back there. CSO Alley reported it is in his opinion she shouldn't have a license to have five dogs. Redmon reported they are in well physical health, one has a heart problem but there is nothing she can do about that, all the others are in good health. She also reported she is being truthful. Alley reported you can tell you mowed the back yard, but this is July and it should have been mowed several times. Redmon reported it was 10 p.m. and she ran out of gas and got more gas that morning. She also reported if she doesn't get the kennel license we will be moving. Redmon reported her dogs don't bark all the time, they are only out there 15-20 minutes to use the bathroom.

Ms. Jill Howerton reported she lives at the other end of the alley and she is not in favor as well. The house is unkept outside, there is trash around the yard. Regarding the front yard being mowed there is weeds 12 feet high and have been for five years. They can't keep yard and trash picked up, can't keep dogs up. Well I'm not sure about the dogs but they can't keep yard up. Howerton reported another neighbor has the same opinion and some other neighbors that couldn't be here fill the same way.

Mayor Havens asked if anybody in favor would like to speak. There was no one to speak. Mayor Havens reported there are several police reports at this property within the last 30 days. In addition of one or more animals to help in the neighborhood. Ms. Redmon reported she has lived at the property for five years and nothing has been said about my animals. Snoop got out twice and I was honest with CSO Alley. Mayor Havens reported the dog was running at large, was off the property unleashed. It was 7-8 blocks south of property and it found its way back home and went through a basement window in the alley. Mayor Havens reported there was an incident in the last 10 days that was a serious incident. Redmon stated no. Mayor Havens reported he punched her, it's an assault but not serious. Redmon stated she does think it is serious if it was true. Someone was being strangled. Redmon stated her grandson told his girlfriend he would pull a gun on her when she told him she was going upstairs to get a knife. It was stated in your home that is unusual.

Patty Julius stated her heart breaks for Redmon. She stated she loves animals too but the dogs barking are on her back porch. There is just too many. Mayor Havens reported we will conclude the public hearing at 12 p.m. Ms. Redmon stated you are breaking up a family. Mayor Havens reported the Board can take action on it by adding it to the agenda. Ms. Redmon started to leave and Mayor Havens asked if she leaves then does that mean she is pulling the application. Redmon reported you are breaking up a family. Mayor Havens reported the consequences that happen, one's ability to manage entire involvement. Who is the owner of record on the property? Ms. Redmon stated her husband. It was stated they are adults. Ms. Redmon stated the girlfriend is out but the grandson she can't kick out she found that out with her daughter.

With no further comments from the public, Councilman Curnutt made a motion to close the public hearing at 12:03 p.m., seconded by Mayor Havens, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety