

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on July 22, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Mark Baird, Jason Henderson (Tipton County Surveyor) and Bob Edinger.

Mayor Havens opened the July 22, 2019, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Havens welcomed the guest.

Minutes: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the July 8, 2019, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: No amendment.

BOW: Councilman Curnutt reported from the July 22, 2019, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman Chandler reported the Committee met on Thursday, July 9th. He also reported he gave everyone a copy of the golf appropriation reports. Councilman Chandler stated they are looking at the pedestrian bridges to see if they are going to repair them or eliminate them. He also commented that the season passes are down. Councilman Chandler reported the greens are in excellent condition and the irrigation system is valuable to our course. Councilman Curnutt stated he worked the Chamber Outing and the greenery of the grass was very impressive.

Goodwill Committee: Councilman Rippy reported the Committee couldn't meet on Friday, July 19th so they are meeting this Friday, July 26, 2019.

DSW: Councilman Morgan reported they had a successful 4-H fair. The recycling center will be starting a new shoebox recycling program. He also reported they are remodeling at the site; the electronics area has been moved. The recycling is still rising, and the garbage is down at this point. Mayor Havens reported they put together an ad hoc committee to look at making the recycling area more efficient. They are looking at an air burner for the composting area and will be visiting a site where they are using it. Councilman Morgan reported a bailer is needed, the cost is around \$10K and looking at purchasing a grinder. The cash balance is in the half-million-dollar range.

Street, Alley and Sidewalk Committee: Councilmen Rippy and Ogden were unable to attend, Mayor Havens stated it was a good meeting. The real challenge is the new sidewalk program, the current funding mechanism and the number of walks and cost. He also stated he needs to get with Clerk-Treasurer Clark regarding the funding available. We are

trying not to put applications in que for any length of time. Funding is the key to the program as described. This is a challenge but is doable.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the July 15, 2019, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. The LTCP Phase III bids were received, Atlas Construction came in at \$5,861,488 and Likens Construction came in at \$7,210,281. It was \$900,000 higher than anticipated. They are looking at fewer places to cross the creek and there is money available to use for the project to keep the cost down, this will be discussed later. He also reported the Department Superintendents were in the process of investigating various mapping programs. We currently use WTH Think GIS program but with the new emphasis on "Asset Management", there are other mapping programs out there that are more user-friendly and can provide more detailed information and greater accuracy. Mayor Havens reported it would be appropriate for the City to be advised or kept in the loop on Asset Management. He asked Councilman Chandler to assume the responsibility to make sure the City and Utility are working together on the asset management.

Ambulance Oversight Board: Councilman Rippy reported they are opening bid for the new contract on the First Floor Meeting Room, Training Room, at the Hospital at 9 a.m.

New Business:

Wilson Park – Jason Henderson, Tipton Co. Surveyor: Henderson reported he sent an email regarding an opportunity for a new public asset. It is the area of the Hopkins & Maxey Northwest addition. It would be transferred to the City and you could have a pedestrian park, benches, etc. He also reported he took this to the Park Board. The public assets help draw people. There were concerns about the pond area. Henderson stated the County has maintenance on this subdivision. There was a brief discussion about placing boulders, fence, sidewalks or asphalt pedestrian path. Some other things discussed was a park system for Cicero Twp. and the County of Tipton. Mayor Havens asked about the depth of the pond? Henderson stated he could find that out. He also commented he made a presentation in hopes something would come from this. Henderson asked what direction we want him to go, should he have the title work done and it could be named, etc. Mayor Havens stated to take it back to the Park Advisory Board and get their thoughts on whether it is a positive or negative thing. He also thanked Henderson for his presentation.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Nothing to report.

Claims: Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the claims 163348-163481 in the amount of \$411,786.03, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:

Mr. Bob Edinger stated he liked the idea of a pedestrian park, for walkers it gives you a destination to go to. He also commented that he was in favor of the sidewalks, for these parks.

Ms. Vicky Boyd stated she lives in the area and thinks that would be cool, plus she walks and from Sweetland, to her home, she walks in the street. You never know what could happen it would be very nice to have sidewalks. Councilman Curnutt commented that on Wilson, Jefferson and with the Jail, there will be more traffic. Boyd said the northside of the Jail will be the delivery site. Mayor Havens reported the sidewalk and street were discussed with INDOT and there is a straightening process and the local share would cost a million dollars. This is 28 to curve to Pioneer. He also reported INDOT has a preliminary list of future projects that they continually look at and this project was not mentioned at the meeting. Boyd stated there are a lot of people who walk, it's amazing and we appreciate more paved areas. Mayor Havens stated Mr. Purvis done the rails to trails approach and he is looking at it on behalf of Tipton County Council. Boyd asked if there are grants available. Mayor Havens stated the direct answer is yes, the condition is on the items, the consultant is a significant expense. Mayor Havens reported it has been seven years since the Comprehensive Plan and we need a Countywide Comprehensive Plan. It was stated we need to group people to get the reflection on what the community wants to have. Boyd stated we did that in a couple of meetings that we had several years ago. There were maps where they would like to see trails. It was stated some of the preliminary work is already done.

Councilman Morgan reported on the Library crosswalk, the weather broke and they were able to paint it and it looks very nice.

Councilman Rippy said kudos to the Tipton County Fair Board.

Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported the budget dates are advertised. The budget August 26th, Public Hearing on September 9th at 5:15 p.m. and adopt the budget on September 23rd at 5:30 p.m. She also reported there will be a tax abatement class on September 19th from 9-12 and will be invitation only.

Mr. Mark Baird reported in the Kokomo Tribune editorial took a position on a stoplight at Division Road. They stated to take the light out and put a stop sign there. Baird stated he wasn't sure who oversees that at the State level, US 31 Coalition or who. He also reported this would be a huge impact on truck traffic in Tipton. Baird reported he went to the County Commissioner's meeting and voiced his concerns there. He also stated he wrote Senator Buck and Representative Cook to voice your concerns. This is an Economic Development standpoint and a Community Development standpoint. There was some discussion about the roundabouts and the distance between each one and doing away with stoplights. It was reported Allen Adler was the Tipton County Representative on the US 31 Coalition. It was also stated the County Comprehensive Plan needs to be revisited and redeveloped.

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


Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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