

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on September 23, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Havens, Councilman Curnutt, BOW Member Dollens and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Tom Clark, Jeff Stout, Bob Edinger, Sharon Teuscher, Mathew, Tina and Jillian Stroup, Conner Morris, Judy Coker, Adam Hornaday with Baumgartner, Jeff Ogden, Steve Niblick, Dee VanBibber, Sherry Landseadel, Tim Richards, Cathy McCloud, Mike Terry, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, and Elaine Phelps.

Mayor Havens opened the September 23, 2019, Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Dollens made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019, BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: No amendment.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Open Bids 300 South from SR 19 west to City limits: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported we received one bid from Baumgartner. Mayor Havens reported we received a single bid from Baumgartner in the amount of \$137,101.50 on Form 96. He also stated we need to take the bids under advisement until City Engineer Johnson has a chance to look at it and get back with us on his recommendation. Councilman Curnutt made a motion to take the bid under advisement, seconded by BOW member Dollens, with all in favor.

Tims 1 – Tim Richards – Street closure for Halloween Event: Mr. Richards requested street closure on Independence Street south side of Post Office alley to Madison Street (1/2 block long in front of the store) on Saturday, October 26th from noon until 10 p.m. He also stated he is requesting the Courthouse parking lot as well from the Commissioners. Public Works Manager Terry commented he turned in his application with the Street Dept. and has been sent to the Dept. Heads, we are all in favor of the application. Mayor Havens stated Public Works Manager Terry would be the coordinating authority with barricades etc. Mr. Richards commented that the closure would be Noon to 10 p.m. and the event will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This will allow set up and tear down. As soon as we have it cleaned up, we will open the street. Councilman Curnutt commented this is a very successful event. Mr. Richards stated we are having a cakewalk and have involved the First Responders, there will be bounce houses that will be free to the kids. BOW Member Dollens made a motion to approve the request to close Independence Street south of the Post Office alley to Madison Street from Noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th and Public Works Manager Terry will take care of the barricades, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Fire: Chief Ogden welcomed Mr. Dollens to the BOW. Chief Ogden reported the August Fire report is in front of you and there were no issues at the Pork Festival it all went well. He also reported the radio project is complete and we finally got all the invoices. Chief Ogden stated Clerk-Treasurer Clark found money to pay the project off and no financing will have to be done. He also reported the application process has been extended through October. We only received four applications and we don't seem to have applicants like we used to receive. The pension board suggested adjusting the residency requirement and so we are opening the process with a 10-mile radius residency requirement, if hired we could look at the ordinance to extend the residency requirement. This way we can see if that is what is holding applicants back. Mayor Havens stated the law of unattended consequences, farther from the community and closer to other communities. We have had great applicants in the past then they move on. The current requirement is within the first year they must be in the City and then five years within the County. Mayor Havens reported this would be a 10-mile proposed rule. BOW Member Dollens asked if the two-mile radius adds any benefit. Chief Ogden stated no he didn't believe so. There was a brief discussion about training and transferring to other communities. Mayor Havens asked a few questions about the August report. There was a brief discussion about Seals/TFD and the Ambulance Oversight Board along with the Commissioners rejecting all the proposals.

Police: Chief Clark handed out his YTD and monthly stats. Chief Clark reported the Dept. has completed the Firearm Tactics. He also reported Officer Kenneth Parson's probationary status ends today and recommends he be promoted to First Class Patrolman. Chief Clark reported Officer Parson has completed the academy and is patrolling on his own. Councilman Curnutt made a motion to take Officer Parson off of probation and promote him to First Class Patrolman, seconded by BOW Member Dollens, with all in favor. Chief Clark stated they are hosting Coffee with a Cop in "The Alley" on October 4th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. There will be donuts and coffee and Ace Hardware is paying for everything. Asst. Chief Stout discussed the retirement of Chief Clark on January 2nd and they are trying to find his replacement. He also stated we started the process in June and received 12 applicants, 9 went through the physical and 5 failed, four took the written test and two failed, there were two applicants left. One of them went through the process a year ago and the other applicant we recommend hiring and that is Randy Saltzman. He resigned back in 2017 to help a family business and he stayed as a reserve for the City. We would like to send him to PERF and have the Pension Board hearing for him to start the first payroll in 2020 which means he would start December 22, 2019 or second payroll in 2020 starting January 5, 2020. The position will be vacated on January 2, 2020. Chief Clark reported the benefit of hiring Saltzman is he doesn't have to go back to the Academy because he kept his training hours up. The PERF physical is good for 180 days. Mayor Havens asked if he had the opportunity would he leave again. Asst. Chief Stout stated no he will stay. Chief Clark commented that Randy's father stated he loved working at the Police Dept. he just came to help him out. BOW Member Dollens made a motion to offer conditional employment to Randy Saltzman with attended hire date of

January 5, 2020 upon his passage of PERF, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Enforcement Division – Planning Dept.

Hearing on 427 Green Street: The Enforcement Division – Coker reported the owner, Matthew Stroup, was issued a permit in June of 2017 for repairs and replacing items. The permit was good for one year. In October 2018 he received an extension to June of 2019. On June 28, 2019 he was given a 60-day extension, and this was his final extension. The inspection took place in September and the project is not completed. He was ordered to appear September 23, 2019, as well as a stop work order, was issued. Coker reported he has had good communication with the Dept. and has cleaned up his property of the construction material from the front yard. Mr. Stroup handed out and reviewed his proposed plan for the different phases of the project. He also reported the ideal project completion date would be January 16, 2020, realistic project completion date is April 1, 2020. Mr. Stroup stated they currently live in a townhome and they have to be out of there by June 1, 2020. BOW Member Dollens stated we had the hearing and understand the issue and we are returning the issue to the Tipton Planning Commission with the administration acting on the deadline of June 2020 be met and adhered to, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor. BOW Member Dollens asked Mr. Stroup to keep the Planning Commission Enforcement Division updated.

Dee VanBibber stated Mr. Powell has done nothing in two weeks at the 304 W. Adams property. There was a brief discussion regarding the RV and permit application.

Enforcement Division Coker commented that the Board of Health has done a walkthrough on September 10, 2019 and there was no violation, it was sturdy, the basement was clean, no animals and we were surprised it was fairly clean but dirty. BOW Member Dollens stated the Board is willing to support your Dept., you give us a suggestion of action you want to take, and he is 90 % certain you will be backed up.

Sharon Teuscher commented regarding her neighbor's property at 232 N. West Street and the construction conditions. Enforcement Division Coker reported that she feels it will be cleaned up by the deadline of October 14th at least the debris.

Adjournment: With no further business, Member Dollens 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