

City of Tipton Common Council Special Meeting held on October 7, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Matt Smith with Strand & Associates, Deen Rogers with Baker Tilley, Bob Edinger, John Ellis, and Rex Boyer.

Mayor Havens opened the October 7, 2019, Special Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Havens welcomed guests.

Mayor Havens asked Clerk-Treasurer Clark if the meeting had been properly advertised. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported yes, the notice of the Special Meeting was faxed to the paper on September 13, 2019 and the transmittal report shows it went through.

Deen Rogers with Baker Tilley formerly Umbaugh explained the resolution with the rate increase by 10 percent. It goes from \$11.85 to \$13.05 per ERU per month in our stormwater rate structure. The total project cost is 7.2 million, 6.2 million would be financed using the State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing program with the balance coming from cash on hand.

Mayor Havens asked what is the nature of the project? Matt Smith with Strand & Associates reported the project is for combined sewer overflow. This is the final phase of Tipton's Long-Term Control Plan which was designed to address the unfunded mandate by the EPA concerning CSO communities. There was a brief discussion regarding the project and the mandate.

Mr. Rogers reported we were on schedule with SRF, but the pre-closing had to be shifted because we are waiting on IDEM. Closing is scheduled for October 22, 2019. We will get notice from the bond counsel and then we move on from there.

Mayor Havens reported the stormwater fund balance was \$700,000 to million. We requested a certain portion of the funding would be dedicated to a list of surface projects such as Cleveland Street and South Street. He also reported Utility Manager Boyer has attacked 10 to 12 of these small projects, he keeps a list and then he decides. The question was asked how long the debt is. Mr. Rogers reported 35 years because of the pipe having a long useful life. The interest rate is 2.55 percent.

Councilman Chandler reported as the liaison of the Utility Board, the Board tried every possible way to eliminate or minimize rate increase. They penny-pinch. Mr. Smith reported they cut some cost about \$550,000 by shifting alignment and reducing pipes in creek.

Mayor Havens affirmed with Clerk-Treasurer Clark that the Utility Board Resolution was approved. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated yes. Mayor Havens asked if they expect to vote on this Resolution and if it is a single vote. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated yes, and it is a single vote.

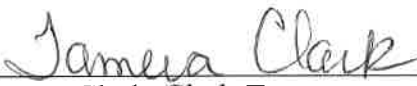

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2019-17 – A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Tipton, Indiana, Approving An Increase In Storm Water User Fees For Properties Located In The Storm Water Management District Of The City: Councilman Curnutt made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-17, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Councilman Curnutt asked if the IURC has any jurisdiction over these user fees. Mr. Rogers stated no. Mayor Havens reported this is stormwater and IURC handles electric. Resolution 2019-17 was passed with all in favor.

There was a brief discussion of possible additional phases and IDEM’s requirements might change on combined sewers.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

	
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