

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on December 9, 2019, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Sherry Landseadel, John Ellis, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Wyatt Johnson, Rex Boyer, Alex Reed, Samantha Gosnell, Sharon Teuscher, Hunter Robinson, Nick Massey, Evan Servies, Kobe Stephens, Mike Terry, Diana Tomlinson, Jim Purvis with Baumgartner, Judy Coker, Steve Niblick, Laurie Shirley, Greg Shirley, Brenda Gibson, Chuck Wiegman with E&B Paving, Justin Davis and Kenn DeHart.

Councilman Curnutt opened the December 9, 2019, Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Minutes: BOW Member Dollens made a motion to approve the November 25, 2019 BOW minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: BOW Member Dollens made a motion to amend the agenda for December 9, 2019, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor. BOW Member Dollens added Mr. Ellis after reports.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Open Bids for CCG – Paving Project Phase 1: Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported there were six bids received for Phase 1 and Phase 3. Councilman Curnutt and BOW Member Dollens opened the bids. The first bid was Baumgartner and Co. from Fishers in the amount of \$681,729.00, the second bid was E&B Paving from Kokomo in the amount of \$582,334.35, the third bid was Grady Brothers from Indianapolis in the amount of \$828,905.00, the fourth bid was DC Construction Services, Inc from Indianapolis in the amount of \$508,490.07, the fifth bid was Midwest Paving from Noblesville in the amount of \$602,147.50, and the sixth bid was Harding Group from Indianapolis in the amount of \$583,428.35. City Engineer Johnson reported the Engineer estimate was \$509,072.40. BOW Member Dollens made a motion to take the bids for Phase 1 under advisement until two weeks from now, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Open Bids for CCG – Paving Project Phase 3: Councilman Curnutt and BOW Member Dollens opened the bids for Paving Project Phase 3. The first bid was Baumgartner and Co. from Fishers in the amount of \$572,169.59, the second bid was E&B Paving from Kokomo in the amount of \$527,181.88, the third bid was Grady Brothers from Indianapolis in the amount of \$739,965.00, the fourth bid was DC Construction Services, Inc from Indianapolis in the amount of \$440,897.78, the fifth bid was Midwest Paving from Noblesville in the amount of \$523,234.30 and the sixth bid was Harding Group from Indianapolis in the amount of \$574,750.95. City Engineer Johnson reported the Engineer estimate was \$413,093.11. He also reported all bids were over, but one was not over but 10 percent. BOW Member Dollens made a motion to take the bids for Phase 3 under

advisement with City Engineer reporting back in two weeks, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor. Councilman Curnutt thanked all the bidders. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked where DC Construction was from. It was reported from Indianapolis.

Cemetery: Foreman Tomlinson reported there were five burials and six lot sales. She also reported the new lights have been installed in the Cemetery, there at three light poles at the main entrance, one at the entrance off 200 and one installed on a utility pole off 200 West.

Park: Foreman Tomlinson reported repairs have been made on the roof of the pavilion due to high winds a few weeks ago. She also reported a Maple tree had some damage due to the high winds and has been cut down. Tomlinson reported most of the Christmas decorations are holding up well.

Planning Department – Enforcement Division: Planning Commissioner Niblick reported on permits there were 16 permit applications for November 9 City and 7 County. There were 218 new applications from January to November and a year ago there were 164 permits. The total project cost investment last year was 36 million, this year is 26 million with more permits but not quite as big of projects. Enforcement Division Coker reported there are five new complaints, four were building without a permit, three have been closed and one is still open. The other was a trash complaint, she visited the location, sent a letter and it was cleaned up. She also reported YTD there were 133 complaints, 58 closed – grass violations and 75 for City some close some work in progress.

Hearing on 238 S. East Street: Coker reported there is a fence in the right of way, she gave a brief explanation of the timeline on the violation. BOW Member Dollens stated you never heard from the property owner. Councilman Curnutt asked Coker what she proposed the next step to be. Coker stated the Board could issue another order to appear or the Street Dept. could remove the fence. You could issue a fine of \$250 per day. BOW Member Dollens made a motion to site owner to next meeting or remove the fence before then or they will be charged a \$100 fine per day, starting that day, if they don't appear on December 23rd, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor.

Hearing on 137 Taft Street: Coker reported they removed the post but still have driveway markers. So, there is nothing at this point. Public Works Manager Terry reported he thinks it is okay, they are snow markers.

Hearing on 423 Sweetland Ave.: Greg and Laurie Shirley reported they are trying to get rid of the RV, it is a 1986 Winnebago. They gave their options. Mr. Shirley asked who made the complaint because the neighbors said they didn't complain. Councilman Curnutt reported as City Council a neighbor complained to him, so he checked to see if it was a violation and it was, so he made the complaint. The problem is the placement of the RV. There was a brief discussion on the options for the RV. Councilman Curnutt reported in two weeks from now we need it removed, a timeline and/or a plan of action. It

was reported we need it legally accepted to the ordinance. BOW Member Dollens made a motion to set aside action on 423 Sweetland until December 23, 2019 at noon to get further progress and next plan of action, seconded by Councilman Curnutt, with all in favor. Boyd with Tipton Tribune asked where the proper placement of the RV is. It was reported behind the front set back of homes. Ms. Shirley was stating other violations. It was reported if there are violation, file complaints.

Mr. Ellis, resident of Ross Trailer Park: Mr. Ellis reported the Planning Commission and Board of Health wrote a letter to the owner and they have 14 days to comply. He asked if Mr. Quigley and the BOW could help with this problem. It was suggested to get legal advice. Mr. Ellis reported they have been under a boil order from August 16th. Utility Manager Boyer reported we have been working with Mr. Ellis and other residents. We suggested to check with Coker or Health Dept. as the next step, maybe it could be under the nuisance law. Then the BOW could fix the problem and the expenses would be applied to the property. Coker reported the Planning Office addressed several vacant and abandoned trailers and the Health Dept. is addressing the no water, which they could condemn the trailers. She also reported the office is not interested in condemning the property but remove the vacant trailers. BOW Member Dollens reported he is interested but we need to follow procedures that exist and see if we can help. It was reported you and other renters have full authority to get legal help. Consultation might be free, see what the retainer would be and what options you have.

Street: Public Works Manager Terry reported they will complete the leaf pick up in the streets this week and continue in the alleys. He also reported they are still able to work at the pool, but the weather has slowed the process. The completion date is acceptable for the opening in May.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.


Sharon Teuscher reported she was informed, and it was in the newspaper that there will be no more letters sent to the neighbors, but the debris is still there. She asked where she goes next. Planning Commissioner Niblick reported there has been little improvement but will give a status update at the next meeting. BOW Member Dollens reported he went by there and seen footers and base to go with it. The debris looks like what would be stored in the building. It was reported we see progress being made and the situation exist if the Planning Dept brings it to us then we will visit it. It was also stated it is slow progress. Ms. Teuscher reported if she tried to sell her house, she won't get the value of it. The Board reported we will have additional information in two weeks. Boyd with Tipton Tribune reported she took pictures this morning. Dollens reported we both went by there and he done the eye test on what he has in his garage. Councilman Curnutt reported this topic will be on the agenda in two weeks under Planning Commission.

Adjournment: With no further business, BOW 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