

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on August 9, 2021, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilwoman Hufford, Councilmen Ehman, Chandler, Kring and Rippy and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Dick Klein, Brody Heinzmann, Corey Heinzmann, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, Abby Ripberger and Megan Phifer.

Mayor Dolezal opened the August 9, 2021, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Dolezal reported we have a special presentation from Brody Heinzmann.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the July 26, 2021, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Skate Park Presentation – Brody Heinzmann: Mr. Heinzmann reported Hunger Company designed the \$425,000 skate park in Kokomo which has a high population with the size of 12,450 square ft. at \$34 per square ft. He also reported he would like the location to be in the City Park, the previous location he considered is in the flood zone. Mr. Heinzmann reported the new location is between both trails, on the east side of the park in that triangle area. Mayor Dolezal asked about the area south of the basketball courts. Mr. Heinzmann reported it was too close to the creek, but it could work. There was a question on what the square footage would be. Mr. Heinzmann reported 8,000-10,000 square feet. He also reported he has been to several skate parks that Hungry Company designed, such as Kokomo, Greenwood, Auburn and Peru. It was suggested to speak to a representative from Hunger Company to get ideas, material, money, and grants. See if they would do a presentation given ideas and design a blueprint. Mayor Dolezal suggested making a presentation to the Park Board first. This would be a great improvement to the park, great asset to the community and a job well done. Councilman Kring asked if it is Hunger Skate Parks. Mr. Heinzmann stated yes.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the August 9, 2021, BOW meeting.

Park Board: Councilman Rippy reported the next band is August 14, 2021.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the August 2, 2021, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reported on some of the items that were discussed at the meeting.

Tree Committee: Councilwoman Hufford reported she handed out the August 3, 2021, Tree Committee minutes.

New Business: Councilman Kring reported McCreary is expanding and the Family Dollar received a permit for the old Alco property.

Old Business:

Residency & Lateral Transfer approval – Police: Mayor Dolezal reported we received a request for an extension of the lateral transfer and residency requirement of 30 miles from City limits. It was originally approved in October for six months and has expired and Chief Stout is requesting it be extended. Is there any discussion on this? Councilman Kring asked if he would like a six-month extension again. Mayor Dolezal reported it could be whatever we come up with but his thought maybe until the end of the year. Councilman Kring asked how the recent hiring process went. Mayor Dolezal reported Chief has shared with him there are 11 good applicants but thought none was a lateral transfer. Councilman Chandler reported he thought going through the end of the year makes a lot of sense on both accounts. Councilwoman Hufford reported that is only four months. She thought we had discussion when we approved the six months that the idea was to eventually make it permanent, so we don't go back and we do have people willing to come here to this community, have we changed our minds. Councilman Ehman asked if we had a lateral transfer. Councilman Kring reported we did have one. Mayor Dolezal stated Officer Firks. Councilman Kring asked if we want to approve them together but stated they are separate things. He would like to do them separate because he would like the lateral transfer to be permanent. Councilwoman Hufford reported she would to. Councilman Kring reported the residency is iffy because he would like the Police Officer to live here but he knows that isn't always feasible. Councilwoman Hufford reported Chief stated the residency requirement is 50 miles. Councilman Kring reported it changed again the State is unlimited. Councilman Kring reported they take the car home every day to Marion County. Councilwoman Hufford reported the Chief stated they have to get permission and he had reasonable boundaries. Councilman Kring reported we have to think long term and we are not always going to be here, and neither is Chief Stout so could that be abused in the future. Councilman Rippy reported if we are going to make it permanent should we not just make it Police but Public Safety. Clerk-Treasurer Clark reported that when we had that special meeting with Chief Stout and Chief Bitner, Chief Bitner stated the lateral transfer is out and, on the residency, he wanted them to live in Tipton. Mayor Dolezal reported Chief Bitner didn't want the allocation of 30 miles like Chief Stout requested. Councilman Chandler made a motion to extend the lateral transfer and the residency of the 30 miles of City limits until the end of the year pending further discussion for a more permanent agreement, seconded by Councilman Rippy. Councilwoman Hufford reported she would like to see it to go further than that we would still have the same result if we were talking about it in the budget workshops. She also reported this budget is going to make a difference on whether people will stay or go. Mayor Dolezal reported he would agree with that point, and he would state we agree the lateral transfer sounds more permanent, and the residency is up for more discussion. Councilman Hufford reported the lateral transfer she would like permanent or long term and the 30-mile residency she is not against more discussion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dolezal reported there are three lots available from the RDC to build new homes. The properties already purchased include two homes under construction and 460 N. West Street property, which recently had a building permit purchased. The three properties still available from the RDC, Madison Street, Second Street and Conde Street. Mayor Dolezal reported the paper has done a nice job advertising in the briefs. He also reported Reedy Associates will be at the next meeting to discuss TIF Areas and Fiscal Plans. Mayor Dolezal reported he had some discussions with Market Rate Apartment developers. There are a number of locations being considered. Mrs. Vicky Boyd asked if the Family Dollar was a remodel. Councilman Kring reported it is a remodel permit. They are renting that location, so I'm sure they are. Councilwoman Hufford asked if the Family Dollar was at the Industrial Park area. Councilman Kring reported the former Alco building. It is not a development plan or variance. It is going to take seven weeks from start to finish and it started today. Councilwoman Hufford reported it will show up on the permit reports on Thursday.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the claims 169120-169227 in the amount of \$3,524,238.45, seconded by Councilman Chandler, with all in favor.

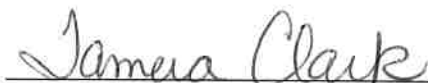
Petitions, Complaints, Comments and Memorials:


Councilwoman Hufford reported Malisha Sharp notified her and wanted her to read a letter to the Council. The letter read by Councilwoman Hufford is attached.

Councilman Chandler congratulated the THS Marching Band for the 15th place finish at the State Fair. He also reported this is the first time to make the night show. Councilman Chandler reported he attended the community night for the band, and they put a lot of effort into it. There is much pride in the band. Councilman Ehman reported he attended the Thursday night event and was very impressed with no more band members than they have.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President

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City Council,

I would like to move past the last meeting I attended, but I will never take away what I learned.

I came to the annexation to learn. I came to the budget meeting to learn. I took away from the budget meeting, more than I wanted to.

People are not looking for excuses on why you can not get something done, people are looking at how you can work together.

We are also looking for people that know there place as a council woman and council men.

Your place and commitment is not only to this city, but to this community.

I hope to see, good and positive changes from this council. I have not given up, but I was taken back.

The community would definitely like to see the budget better spread out and maybe some raises put on hold for awhile.

Now that people have the numbers, and will have future numbers, the future is truly in your hands.

How you want this city ran and what is most important, will be in the numbers.

Malisha Sharp