

City of Tipton Common Council meeting held on November 22, 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, Kegan Schmicker, Bob Edinger, Mike Bollman, Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune, and Brad Robins.

Mayor Dolezal opened the November 22, 2021, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021, Council minutes without amendment, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Mayor Dolezal stated we are adding the introduction of two parcels for annexation, proposed Ordinance 2021-16 – West Industrial Drive Voluntary Annexation (60 acres) and Ordinance 2021-17 – Canal Run Voluntary Annexation (138 acres).

BOW: Councilman Kring reported from the November 22, 2021, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman Ehman stated we are waiting for Cicero Creek update.

Goodwill: Councilman Chandler commented they met on Friday, November 19, 2021, in attendance were Councilman Ehman, Mayor Dolezal, Jan Smith, County Council Purvis, Cicero Twp. Trustee Henderson and himself.

DSW: Mayor Dolezal reported they met on November 22, 2021, and discussed normal items. He also reported they discussed an additional bagging program.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk Committee: Mayor Dolezal stated they are still working on a list of items. He also stated they are looking at investing more Edit money for sidewalks. Ten requests weren't done because of money. Mayor Dolezal commented they discussed additional stop signs. He also commented on the INDOT project they are extending the sidewalk along Park Road farther east and there will be a crosswalk by the Hospital. Councilman Chandler thanked the Committee for tweaking the toters so the sidewalks can be pedestrian-friendly. Mayor stated there is work to do to decide on the solution.

Planning Commission: Councilwoman Hufford stated the Planning meeting was packed, and Commissioner Niblick gave details on what is a PUD. There was a public hearing, and several individuals came up to speak. She read the names of everyone who spoke not in favor of the development and also stated there were three in favor and read their names. The comprehensive plan was mentioned, and they tabled it to the next meeting. Councilwoman Hufford stated it was a successful meeting, consideration, and kind, but a long four-hour meeting.

Utility Board: Councilman Chandler reported the November 15, 2021, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also reviewed some items discussed at the meeting.

Youth Council: Councilman Ehman stated they are meeting every other week. We have some “go getters” on the Council this year. He also stated the Council will hear some ideas before long. Mayor Dolezal asked if they would attend a meeting here. Councilman Ehman stated yes, they would.

**New Business:**

2022 Holiday Schedule: Mayor Dolezal commented there is one extra Holiday, Veteran’s Day will be recognized on Veterans Day, this is long overdue. Councilman Chandler stated he would like to put on the radar recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday for 2023. Mayor Dolezal stated we are still down a day or two per the County Holiday schedule. Councilman Kring stated Columbus, President Day, and the Pork Festival. Councilman Chandler made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor.

Tipton County Marketing and Branding – Kegan Schmicker: Mr. Schmicker has done a presentation on Tipton County Branding and Marketing Proposal. He stated the estimated project cost is \$151,250 with the bulk of it being execution, video, and commercial space. Schmicker is asking for \$75,000 from the city for 2022 and he asked for the same amount from the Commissioners today. He also stated he was asking Kempton, Sharpsville, and Windfall as well. The City and County would fund the bulk of it. We would use Kempton, Sharpsville, and Windfall for the additional. There was a brief discussion regarding branding and marketing. Schmicker stated he would come back to the next scheduled meeting to see if the city would like to be a partner. Councilman Kring asked what firm would be doing this? Schmicker stated the firm is Rhyme and Reason and they would start in 2022.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Dolezal stated the shelving project is moving forward and they could be breaking ground yet this month. Engineers are aware we would like for them to complete the park area first so we can start working on Phase 2 of the trail which we have grant money waiting to get started. He also stated Arbor Homes has turned in their request to the Planning Commission and there are two other developers interested in building in the community as well. One on the west and another on the east side. Mayor Dolezal commented there is a discussion on INDOT truck route to bypass Tipton where we can do some revitalization to downtown and be “pedestrian friendly”. He also commented the new Mexican restaurant should be open by Christmas. Mayor Dolezal stated the Commissioners are working on supporting efforts for development at 28 & 31 and Utilities are helping with this as well. He also stated he is in initial discussion with Steve Raber regarding a Home Builders Association and an employer’s roundtable committee as far as dealing with

issues regarding shortage of labor and finding qualified employees. If we focus on that we find more resources for this.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2021-18 – Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council Concerning Lateral Transfer Credit For The Tipton Fire Department: Mayor Dolezal stated this is related to tiered salary and longevity. He also stated this resolution opens it up to more employment qualifications opportunities by having a couple of years experience and getting highly qualified folks. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-18, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Mayor Dolezal stated we have two other items. He passed out a schedule, which Steve Unger has provided earlier on the steps for a super voluntary annexation but this has proposed dates, the first step is review and if this Board agrees then set it for a public hearing, as proposed for December 28<sup>th</sup>. There are two different proposals here for annexation as requested by property owners. Ordinance 2021-16 is the voluntary request for the 60 acres that joins the business park. This is the property we purchased in cooperation with the County with the intent to expand the space to attract businesses to the community. Councilwoman Hufford stated the second paragraph says it has been signed by the City as the co-owner of the property, she didn't see it attached to the ordinance. She wants to see it before moving forward to make sure the proper procedures, signatures, and dates have been on the required documentation. Clerk-Treasurer Clark handed her a document the Commissioner signed. Councilwoman Hufford stated there is no date on the document. Clark advised that is the document she was given. Councilwoman Hufford stated the date is imperative to any of these procedures. Mayor Dolezal stated we will get that produced and will get that to everyone before the public notice. He then asked for consideration to advertise for the public hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December and he will provide those items for a complete packet. Councilman Ehman made a motion to go ahead and advertise for the public hearing for Ordinance 2021-16, seconded by Councilman Kring, passed with all in favor and Councilwoman Hufford opposing. Councilwoman Hufford stated before moving to the next ordinance, she needed to go to her truck to get documentation she received from the State concerning this annexation. Councilman Chandler asked Mayor Dolezal if he was just making us aware of these ordinances, we are not adopting them, we are just starting the process and out of courtesy, he provided these for our examination. Mayor Dolezal stated correct we are just setting them for a public hearing. Thank you for the clarification. Regarding Councilwoman Hufford leaving the meeting to go to her truck to retrieve paperwork, he would go ahead and accept a motion for a recess for a moment. Councilman Chandler made a motion for a five-minute recess, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated he opposed the recess and is ready to vote. RECESSED. Councilman Chandler made a motion to reconvene, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. Mayor Dolezal requested to set Ordinance 2021-17 for a public hearing, which relates to 138 acres requested by the property owner and proposed developer, this is the Canal Run Voluntary Annexation. Mayor Dolezal asked for a motion. Councilman

Chandler made a motion to advertise for the public hearing on December 28<sup>th</sup> for Ordinance 2021-17, seconded by Councilman Kring. Councilwoman Hufford asked for discussion before the motion. Mayor Dolezal stated we have a motion. Councilman Chandler stated yes, he made the motion and Councilman Kring seconded the motion. Mayor Dolezal asked if we have any discussion. Councilwoman Hufford stated yes, she has discussion, she talked to the State concerning the matter of the two-mile fringe. There seems to be a discrepancy of what it entails, the power of authority to do certain things. She cited IC 36-7-4-205 under Section C regarding a municipality being located in a County and what has to happen first. There was a lengthy discussion about this along with procedures and checking with legal counsel. Councilman Ehman stated there is a motion and second on the floor. Mayor Dolezal asked for a vote. The motion to set Ordinance 2021-17 for a public hearing on December 28, 2021, passed with all in favor and Councilwoman Hufford opposing. There was a brief discussion regarding providing information to the Council. Councilman Chandler made a motion for a five-minute recess, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor. RECESSED. Councilman Chandler made a motion to resume the meeting seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippey made a motion to approve claims 169863-169954 for \$377,532.12, seconded by Councilman Chandler. Councilman Kring asked Clerk-Treasurer Clark or Officer Robins about Officer Tansy's submittal of a couple of items for reimbursement is this under the uniform allowance, and does it have to be approved by a supervisor or Chief Stout. Officer Robins stated yes. The claims passed with all in favor.

Petitions, Complaints, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Vicky Boyd with Tipton Tribune stated personally the whole discussion should not be taken away from the Public. The Council works for the community and it should be aired and not shut off. Councilman Chandler stated recess is off the record.

Councilman Chandler commented an Elected Officials training is on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Tipton County Foundation from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Items discussed will be how to run a campaign, fundraising efforts, etc. He also stated an RSVP is not required, there are nine already registered and Representative Tony Cook and Victoria Sparks will be there.

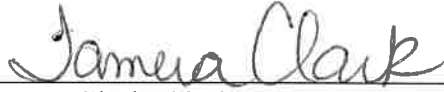
Mayor Dolezal stated there is a Board position available after the new year and would welcome input.

Councilman Chandler stated during the recess he cursed and wanted to apologize to everyone in the room.

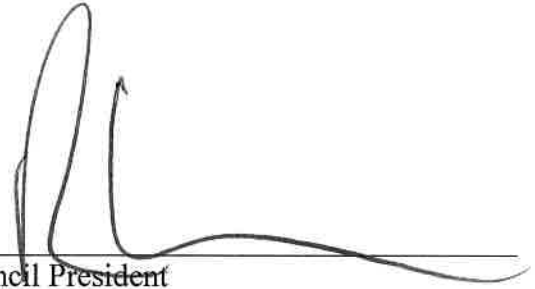
Mr. Bob Edinger stated he for one has attended a hundred meetings, no matter how it gets there he appreciates any information that appears to be relevant.

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