

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on May 23, 2022, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal, Councilmen Kring and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Mike Terry, Jeff Stout, Ken Ehman, Judy Coker, Joe Bitner, Mike Netherton, Benny Frazier, Bob Edinger, Patty Mitchell, Darris Mitchell, Greg Bartley, and Cory Cain.

Mayor Dolezal opened May 23, 2022, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Kring made a motion to approve May 9, 2022, BOW minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Tipton On Tap – Street Closure – June 4, 2022 – Mike Terry: Mr. Terry stated the request is to close Court Street and Madison Street on Saturday, June 4th from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Madison Street is for safety reasons, no vendors and Court Street is for vendors. Councilman Kring asked if it was the same footprint as last year. Terry stated it was a touch bigger, we expanded east in the County parking lot. Mayor Dolezal stated there are more food trucks. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the street closure on June 4th from noon to 8 p.m. as specified for Tipton On Tap, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the April monthly report. He stated that Ryan Speer finished his probation year and is off probation and is now a Second-Class Firefighter. Chief Bitner commented Speer passed the paramedic program, he is now waiting on a code for the National Registry written test online. He also stated hopefully he will be the first licensed paramedic before long for Tipton Fire Department. Chief Bitner recommended and approve sending candidate Tyler Davis to Public Safety Medical in an event of an opening. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Tyler Davis to be sent to Public Safety Medical, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Chief Bitner stated he is already a paramedic once we bring him on. He also stated all full-time have completed OSHA training videos that go with the safety meeting. Chief Bitner commented the Dept. has filled some pools and on Saturday they were at Rock Prairie Church for the 5K Color run, the City's ladder truck, and Cicero Twp. tanker provided a large shower for the individuals to wash the color off.

Police: Chief Stout passed out the April stats and asked if there were any questions. He stated William Tipton is in his final week of FTO, he will probably be on only 6-month probation like Officer Firks. He already had the training. Chief Stout commented they are needing to hire two officers and the application deadline is June 3rd, we haven't received any applications yet and we will run another ad next week. He also commented Teen

Academy we have only received five applications, so we reached out to Tri-Central kids as well. Chief Stout stated June 3rd is the FOP Social at the Elks at 6 p.m., an Associate member is \$20. He also stated Chief Bitner and himself went to Street, Alley & Sidewalk regarding closing and vacating the alley behind the Police and Fire Department. Chief Stout stated one question there is no legal description of the alley, it was never really an alley. Councilman Kring stated why to vacate an alley if it's not even an alley. There was a brief discussion regarding the alley and the safety aspect. Mayor Dolezal stated he would check with City Attorney Quigley.

Enforcement Division – Judy Coker: Enforcement Officer Coker stated on 461 N. Conde property, owner Mike Netherton, is cleaning up the property. There was a question about the truck and Mr. Netherton stated the price is negotiable. Coker asked the Board to give him till the next meeting and everything needs to be final by that meeting. She also advised he mowed the property as well. Councilman Kring made a motion to continue to the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the next meeting is June 13th. Coker commented on the 300 Erie Street property, owner Mr. Herman McKinney. There has been no change, but he was given 60 days. Mayor Dolezal asked about the tires. Coker stated she thinks he is still working on it. Coker stated on 455 N. Conde Street property, owners Patty & Darris Mitchell, there hasn't been much done. Mrs. Mitchell stated she was cleaning up this morning and the totes are gone. She will be out there today and tomorrow cleaning up. She also stated she paid for extra trash pickup today at the Street Dept. There was a brief discussion regarding the misc. items and possibly another dump truck load. Councilman Rippy made a motion to allow the three weeks which will be the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Kring stating this will be the last time for a lot of reasons. The motion was passed with all in favor. Coker commented on 208 E. Jefferson property and stated she is working on this property regarding the security of the building and grass. It was also stated to let the law office know there is a 60-day limit on the window being boarded up. Coker stated she would reach out to the law office to find out the intentions of the property. Enforcement Officer Coker gave us an update on the Needler's property. She advised the scope of work has changed and there will need to be a State design release. It was stated to send Mr. Balmer that XYZ has to be fixed. Mayor Dolezal commented the professional repairs commence within 60 days or they need to attend the next BOW meeting. Councilman Kring made the motion for the professional repairs to commence within 60 days or they need to attend that next BOW meeting, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. The building inspector would determine the satisfaction of the repairs.

Mayors' Report: Mayor Dolezal commented on the expectation of the stop signs, and the SAS recommendations will be discussed at the June meeting. Mr. Benny Frazier stated the radar helped and the extra Police presence was noticed but a stop sign is needed.

Mr. Bob Edinger commented on 208 E. Jefferson Street would that be City liability because you know it. Mr. Edinger stated he wasn't sure because he is not an attorney.

Mr. Greg Bartley addressed some concerns he has at Carter's Mall (Ace Hardware, Tractor Supply, etc.) with the lack of direction signs, stop signs, and no markings on the pavement. Mayor Dolezal asked what the landlord says. Mr. Bartley stated he hasn't approached them. Mayor Dolezal stated that is a private party to speak with them first. Mr. Bartley stated another issue is the general condition of the asphalt and lack of traffic control. Chief Stout stated that is private property and we can't enforce it unless it was through the City Ordinance. There was a brief discussion regarding enforcement. Mayor Dolezal asked Mr. Bartley to contact the Property Manager and that he would be interested in their comments.


Mr. Cory Cain, owner of 300 block of S. Main Street, regarding the vegetation in the alley. Mayor Dolezal stated he would speak with the County Surveyor. Mr. King stated his neighbor is not in compliance but he wants to make sure his fence is protected. Mayor Dolezal stated he would check with Jason and Mike.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety