

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on October 23, 2023, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Dolezal and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: Benny Frazier, Robert Wimborough with Red Diamond, Austin Wheeler with All American Construction, Dylan Chenault with All American Construction, Tim Richards, Abbie Smith – Community Development Director, Jeffrey Ogden, Abby Ripberger, Ken Ehman, Judy Coker, Mike Terry, Jovon Rayl with KJG Architecture, Joe Bitner, Heather Johnson with EV Holdings – Property Manager, and Diana Tomlinson.

Mayor Dolezal opened the BOW meeting and stated this would only be an informational meeting because of no quorum so no official business will be done. We will hold any business items and defer to the next meeting.

New Business:

Open Bids – Baseball Fence: Mayor Dolezal stated the bids will not be open today, we will have a special BOW meeting to open these bids. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated we received only one bid, All American Construction – Indianapolis. Mayor Dolezal asked if anyone from All American Construction was present. Mr. Dylan Chenault stated he was and gave his phone number. Mayor Dolezal apologized and stated they would have a Special BOW meeting and would probably take them under advisement.

Fire: Chief Bitner stated the September monthly report was in the packet. He also stated Firefighter Lucas Jones ended his probation period and is a 2nd Class Firefighter today. Chief Bitner commented that they hosted a new Dispatcher ride along with the Fire Dept. earlier this month. He also commented that he hoped she learned something. Mayor Dolezal asked if this is available for existing Dispatchers. Chief Bitner stated yes, Dispatcher Bryce Delph is working on getting some of the new ones out first. Chief Bitner commented the ALS equipment needs ordered they need a five-week lead time so they will receive it mid to late November. He also commented the Jackwagon Car Show on October 6th allowed the Police and Fire Dept. to pick their favorite car and there was a trophy/plaque given.

Police: Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated Chief Stout is on vacation.

Enforcement Division:

Enforcement Officer Coker gave an update on 124 Fourth Street, the property where the fire was. She advised that Mr. Mitchell had worked with the gas company on getting them to sign off on the property and when he went to Mr. Stecker to get the project started Mr. Stecker fired Mr. Mitchell. There is no movement on the project. Enforcement Officer Coker commented that she is getting the title work done and getting demolition quotes so she can get an order to demolish. There was a brief discussion regarding the property owner and the demolition process. Mayor Dolezal stated we would discuss the demo at the special meeting. Enforcement Officer Coker asked about the funding for the demolition.

Enforcement Officer Coker stated there was an Order to Appear for 121 S. Independence, they are apartments in the alley by the Fire and Police. We have been battling the trash since July. There is a Management Company that is not taking care of it. This is a commercial building so the City won't pick it up. She would like to charge a \$250 fine per day till cleaned up or find a contractor. Coker stated 225 Maple Street has a load of stuff by the alley, this was a previous case. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated this was never closed. After a brief discussion on the extra trash pickups, it was determined to have it picked up and lien the property.

Mr. Robert Wimborough with Red Diamond asked for an alley closure for 119 W. Jefferson. He explained the plans for Halloween night, with a costume contest for kids and adults etc. Mr. Wimborough explained they would like the alley to be blocked just south of Side Street Mall and Hortons parking lot to Red Diamonds building from 4:30 to 8:30 on October 31st. Mayor Dolezal stated that would be okay.


Public Works Manager Terry stated the street painting will be completed by Wednesday or Thursday. We are taking them down to single lanes. It was reported there have been some critics and some compliments as it is safer and slower traffic. It is a safety issue and people were running red lights.

Mayor Dolezal stated we will call a Special meeting.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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President, Board of Public Works and Safety