

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on April 9, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, Richards, and Kring, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark. Councilman Rippy was not present.

Others: Kimberly Vazquez, Rob Cochrane III, Elsie Smith, Mike Bollman, and Roberta Heinzmann.

Mayor Schmicker opened the April 9, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the Public Hearing on March 25, 2024, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the March 25, 2024, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the April 9, 2024, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Nothing to report.

Park Advisory Board: Councilman Ehman stated the Park Board recommended the pool fees. He also stated the golf course is up and running and generating revenue. Councilman Ehman commented with the rain we received the course was only closed for a few days.

Utility Board: Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the April 1, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed.

New Business:

Tipton RDC – TIF Reporting Requirement – Reedy Financial: Mayor Schmicker commented the reporting has a bunch of zeros this year but will start generating numbers. He also commented as part of the reporting requirement it has to be presented to the Council. Mayor Schmicker stated we need to take action on this report. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve the Tipton RDC – TIF Reporting, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Old Business:

Appointments to Tree Committee: Mayor Schmicker stated there is a grant with DNR for trees, but we have to meet certain requirements. With this grant, there is a no-match requirement. There are three points, we need a canopy assessment, mitigation, and replacement if cut down. If we are in scope with the Tree Committee then we will be in concert with the grant application. Councilman Kring stated Sadie Lundy and Robert Myers are interested. If these two were appointed, we would have a five-member board to satisfy the numbers of the Committee. Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Sadie

Lundy and Rob Myers to the Tree Committee, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated we need to include downtown trees in this grant.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker gave his report regarding, the Baseball Renovation Project, the Public Safety Building update, the LPA Project – Rebuild of Jefferson Street, and an Eclipse update (see attached). It was stated the community came together and there were several cars from out of state. Councilman Vautaw stated he could hear the cheering during the eclipse from the park and ball diamond.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-06 – A Resolution To Transfer From The Old SR 28 Fund To The LPA Grant Phase I Fund: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Resolution 2024-07 – A Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council Declaring A Fire Department Vehicle As Surplus And Authorizing The Sale Through A Listing Agent: Mayor Schmicker stated this is the vehicle we had loaned to Madison Twp. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-02 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton, Indiana, Annexing Territory To The City Of Tipton, Placing The Same Within The Corporate Boundaries Thereof, And Making The Same A Part Of The City Of Tipton – DeLong II Super-Voluntary Annexation: Mayor Schmicker stated this Ordinance is on second and final reading. Councilman Kring stated if they want to extend sewer and water, they have two years to request it. Mayor Schmicker stated there is plenty of capacity, and the water is easier but the sanitation there are a couple of options. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-03 – An Ordinance To Vacate A Public Way In The City Of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana – Street Department alleys: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-04 – An Ordinance Adopting The Tipton Municipal Swimming Pool Admission Fees: Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. Councilman Ehman asked how they compare to last year. Clerk-Treasurer Clark explained the differences. Ordinance 2024-04 passed on first reading, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve claims 175904-176221 for \$4,369,663.28, seconded by Councilman Richards, with Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, and Richards in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Mr. Mike Bollman, Tipton, stated enforcement is the issue regarding the speed limit west of town. On Old SR 28 the speed is different along with CR 200 and Cemetery Road. The enforcement of trucks coming through and looking into the different speed limits.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann, Tipton, asked why wasn't the Tree Committee working with the Park Board, also some trees have a gully under them which will kill the trees. She also stated Monday was great and she appreciated the Waters taking the elderly out for the Eclipse event and members of the community for posting pictures. Ms. Heinzmann commented there were a lot of out-of-towners and as soon as it was over they were out of here.

Councilman Kring stated a goal of his for a long time has been to shop rates for the banks and do requests for proposals. He also stated he had spoken to the Mayor about this. Clerk-Treasurer Clark commented she is the financial officer and she is just hearing about this. She stated there is a lot involved in the process of shopping for rates and possibly switching institutions. We also order our checks & deposit slips in bulk and it would have been nice to know this was being discussed.

Mayor Schmicker stated the final meeting is April 24th for the Feasibility Study for the Public Safety Building.

Adjournment: Councilman Kring called for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President

April 9

Monday, January 22, 2024 2:47 PM

Baseball Renovation Project Next Steps

Working on the final piece, which is the civil engineering.

We explored drainage tile for the area, but that can't happen

Which makes the civil engineering and dirt work even more important

Next Step - Secure a contractor to manage project

Public Safety Building Update

- We have our 3rd meeting with Etica Group tomorrow
 - We'll be discussing three conceptual options to continue narrowing down solutions and needs.
- Our final meeting is on April 24 and then should have a finalized report delivered to the full council and stakeholders shortly thereafter.

LPA Project - Rebuild of Jefferson St

- We had a touch base with Structurepoint a few weeks ago.
- We will be hosting focus groups toward the end of April. These focus groups are focused on residents, businesses, and city department leadership

Eclipse Update

I want to offer special thanks to everyone on the planning team

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Diana Tomlinson
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Chief Bitner
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