

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on May 13, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, Richards, Kring, and Rippy, and Clerk-Treasurer Clark.

Others: James Davis, Rob Cochrane III, Andi Pumphrey, Roberta Heinzmann, Elsie Smith, and Matt Quigley.

Mayor Schmicker opened the May 13, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the May 13, 2024 BOW meeting.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated the May 6, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Update on Engine 11: Mayor Schmicker commented we declared the engine as surplus and authorized the sale through Brindlee. We have a larger issue with it, it looks like the water froze which warped the valves. In the best-case scenario, it could cost \$20K. He also commented he reached out to legal counsel to provide a resolution declaring Engine 11 as surplus and authorizing the sale through Cripe Auction Service. There has been no good news since the issue was found. In the future, if we lease a piece of equipment to someone under the lease agreement, we need to add weekly or monthly equipment checks. We are not sure when it happened.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated he updated the BOW on the paving projects. The project East of SR 28 and East of McDonalds will be resurfaced with culvert work to be done in 2025 and will be let out next February. The area near Park Road/Main Street will be done in June of this year with mill and resurfacing. They will be moving the crosswalk, and the guardrail back and will activate push button poles and ADA ramps. Councilman Rippy asked if the sidewalks will be improved on the south side of Park Rd (SR19) by the school. Mayor Schmicker stated in June, Court Street, Mill Street, East Street, and Poplar Street will be the target project areas to resurface. East Street we are trying to coordinate with the paving company in front of The Shack. There was a brief discussion about eliminating parking in that area. Councilman Rippy asked about the railroad work being done by Norfolk Southern. Mayor Schmicker stated they stated they would only do two intersections at a time but they are to keep us updated. He also stated

the County is working on the bridge at 300 West, so they are rerouting the truck route. This project starts tomorrow and should last 60 days. The Public Safety Building is nearing completion. The final feasibility study will be coming to the Council. Etica Group was glad for all the participants, they were the ones who scoped the project and got it off the ground. Mayor Schmicker commented that the baseball facility will be assessed this week by a construction group, and we will get proper budget numbers, so we know the true dollar amount. Councilman Rippey asked what the news was on the skatepark. Mayor Schmicker stated it is put on hold until the baseball project is figured out, but it is not off the table. It was also stated that the basketball court was a budgeted item.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-08 – A Resolution Approving A Lease Between The City Of Tipton And The Tipton County Solid Waste District: Mayor Schmicker stated the City of Tipton owns the property, this resolution allows the City of Tipton and District Solid Waste to have a lease agreement. The Tipton County Solid Waste District will also have a resolution to approve a lease agreement between them and the City of Tipton. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippey made a motion to approve claims 176323-176505 for \$4,595,767.01, seconded by Councilman Richards. The claims were approved with Councilman Vautaw, Ehman, Richards, and Rippey in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Rosie Street, Tipton thanked the Council for having the couch picked up. She asked if the parking downtown could be reviewed. There are a couple of handicapped parking spots, there is a fine line between what is too much and what is not enough but sometimes I think it's forgotten or not reviewed. Ms. Pumphrey stated she felt we needed a couple more spots downtown.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann, Mill Street, Tipton said thanks for the skatepark update, she knows after Wednesday she will be getting some texts and calls. She also stated she was encouraged to bring up the stop lights and was glad the Council talked about it today because she was asked to remind you that the State is not in favor of leaving those flashing, as they can cause confusion. Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked which group is meeting for that? Mayor Schmicker stated he is hosting a construction engineering group. Heinzmann asked if this would include the Street Dept. Mayor Schmicker stated it's separate, this is a formal construction group. Ms. Heinzmann stated she knew in the past there have been some donations toward the baseball fields other than what the City has. Do you know for the rest of the work if they are applying for a grant? Mayor Schmicker stated it is the expectation, as we've met as a project group, this group included people from the Tipton Baseball League, the Park Board, Park Staff, and himself. We are trying to go after some grants. Heinzmann stated she was glad to hear that. Ms. Heinzmann asked if there was currently any money left in EDIT. Mayor Schmicker stated currently

yes. She asked how much was in there. Mayor Schmicker commented he doesn't have documentation right now to offer, but he can find that. Ms. Heinzmann stated she wanted the Council to know they are going to start soliciting funds from the general public at the Farmer's Market for the trails project. This money will be given to the County Foundation every week. Mayor Schmicker asked if they had received all the funds committed to date. Heinzmann stated not all. She also stated private people donate regularly. We are going to do a trial run selling t-shirts like Tipton Humane Society. Councilman Kring stated if you were here for the work session, we got the CCG to redo a lot, so the plan is tentatively to take the lights down in August/September when that repaving happens.

Mr. James Davis, Jefferson Street, Tipton, introduced himself and stated he recently accepted an appointment on the board of Tipton Main Street Association and is excited to get his feet wet there and back to this great community. He wanted to underscore our commitment from the Main Street Association to our goals and mission and the expectation of partnership with the City in accordance with the strategic plan. Mayor Schmicker asked if he was a new board member or a new officer. Mr. Davis stated a new board member and chairing the Organizational Committee.

Mayor Schmicker stated he understands Mr. Cochran is a new Board member. Mr. Rob Cochran III, Market Road, Tipton, we both were recently appointed to serve on the board, we not only want to increase our collaboration but our open channels of communication we want to regularly talk to you guys. In the last four years he has noticed the tremendous amount of momentum in our downtown with the plaza and some other things and all these decisions were guided by our revitalization plan credited to Mayor Schmicker and Main Street, they played a huge role in drafting that. With the new guard coming in we can continue this momentum, we want to introduce ourselves and catch up on where some of these projects are at. Some of the projects are the downtown plaza, outdoor theater performance concerts, and farmers market. Mayor Schmicker gave a brief update on the plaza. He also stated he was meeting with the President of Main Street on the 21st of May. Mayor Schmicker commented that at the Tipton Leadership meetings, he was going to invite some of the greater stakeholders such as Main Street, Chamber, the Foundation, and even some County representation. Mr. Cochran asked about the DORA initiative and what are the next steps, especially with all these new businesses opening up. Mayor Schmicker stated we sent some individuals to a DORA seminar which included the President from Main Street and two other individuals from the City. What we discovered was the ordinance we passed as a board didn't include some items that the State required so we're reviewing, trying to rewrite, and then editing the plan as necessary. We will fix those things and then present a DORA ordinance to this group, it's just taking a little more time than planned. Mr. Cochran stated with the Jefferson Street reconstruction project it looks like there will be a lot of things changing to the way Jefferson Street looks, he would think at some point that Main Street would be a part of that especially since our revitalization plan calls for heavy Main Street

involvement in projects like this. Mayor Schmicker gave his thoughts on how Main Street will be involved.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann asked about the blocking of sidewalks in front of the daycare on Main Street, was this approved by the City? There was a brief discussion regarding the sidewalk closure. Councilman Kring stated the BOW used to approve sidewalk closures.

Councilman Ehman asked about the railroad crossing as a liability from the emergency response standpoint. Mayor Schmicker stated the railroad says our road crosses their railroads. They have done some communication with us but with other communities, they just show up.

Councilman Rippy asked if the Golf Cart Ordinance includes gators or razors. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated she would send the ordinance out to all the Council.

Mr. Tim Richards stated Mad Tap had a Momma's Night, there were a lot of people up there and it went well, and even had a live band. He likes to see that for the town, and he likes seeing more businesses have more events like that.

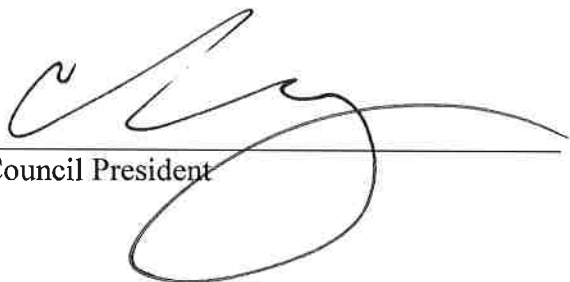
Councilman Kring asked if the County was discussing at all maybe partnering on the baseball diamonds with us yet. Mayor Schmicker stated he has had some informal conversations related to it but has not asked to be a partner. He also stated everyone he has chatted with acknowledges that we have both City and County residents constituents that are playing baseball there.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President