

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on May 28, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Roberta Heinzmann, Andi Pumphrey, Elsie Smith, Rob Cochrane III, James Davis, Delora Sullivan Rich, and Debbie Wayland.

Mayor Schmicker opened the May 28, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the May 28, 2024, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

DSW: Mayor Schmicker stated the yard waste will be ground up and hauled off, and the City and DSW will split the cost. He also stated this is an annual cost that needs to be in the budget.

Street, Alley & Sidewalk: Mayor Schmicker commented that we are working on the Sidewalk Improvement applications and the 2023 CCG. He also commented that the 2024 CCG project will be bid out in July. Mayor Schmicker stated they are still spraying alleys for weeds.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw stated there was a lack of quorum the meeting was canceled.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented the May 20, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also highlighted a few items in the minutes.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-09 – A Resolution Of The City Of Tipton Common Council Declaring A Fire Department Vehicle As Surplus And Authorizing The Sale Through Auction: Councilman

Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 176506-176588 for \$539,167.92, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Mr. Brad Whitman, Taft Street, Tipton, stated as a contractor there are some out-of-town contractors getting homeowners to sign contingency contracts, but they are not doing ethical work. Insurance companies are fighting this. He also stated in Elwood you have to get a license for a full year and show proof of insurance. If they don't have a license, they can't do the work in the City. Mr. Whitman commented that we need to look at our solicitor's permit. In other communities around here, you pay \$200 for 90 days. Tipton's code hasn't been updated since the 90's, your fee is \$25 per day per person, which for 3-4 days is a \$1,000 permit. He suggested changing the rate to a flat rate for the permit, get feedback from other communities.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann commented that a permit was a law that you get through the Planning & Zoning office. People just don't know this; is there a way it could be reminded of the requirements for permits? There are steps in line, people just don't pay attention. Ms. Heinzmann asked about the City budget numbers. Mayor Schmicker stated as we get close to the end of the fiscal year, the numbers will be a lot clearer, and we should have a report as we go into the budget season. We will have estimates from the State, and we are working with our Municipal Advisors now. Ms. Heinzmann asked if anyone went to the grant meeting regarding the grant writing class at the Foundation. No one from the Council went. Ms. Heinzmann asked in regard to SAS with the 2023 Grant how much is available for sidewalks. Mayor Schmicker stated for the CCG that the project consists of road, milling, surfacing, drainage, sidewalk, and ADA ramps, it would be in the bid packet. She advised that she had been to Seattle and was impressed with the outdoor areas for the Maple Valley area and brought a picture back to show what it looks like. Ms. Heinzmann felt the City could have done better for the City's green space on Court Street. Councilman Kring stated we are still in the planning phase, there is still a Phase 2 and 3. She also stated there was a rumor that the County is turning over the old jail and Sheriff building. Mayor Schmicker stated it's not an active plan but potential project, we are in the hypothetical stage.

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Rosie Street, Tipton, asked who has jurisdiction over the Planning Commission. She stated she didn't believe the engineer on Mr. Kirchner's project did the detention pond right. It is not working, there is standing water. Councilman Rippy asked is it the pond on the south end of the building. Ms. Pumphrey stated at the Planning Commission Mr. Johnson advised they had to have two detention ponds and they run together and into Big Cicero. Councilman Kring stated from his perspective the City Council has the final say on rezoning, the comprehensive plan, and appointments to the Planning Commission. We can't tell them what to do. They have a joint board and the

Mayor's on it but they have to conform to whatever was approved in the planning phase. They have a development review and if they say there is something wrong with the retention pond then it is up to them to hold the petitioner to what the standards are. Councilman Kring stated this Council can't tell Steve and Mike what to do we can suggest. There was a discussion regarding mosquitos. Councilman Kring stated the drainage board should do it. Ms. Pumphrey stated Mr. Kirchner had done it previously. Ms. Pumphrey brought up the handicapped spots downtown, during the Food Truck Friday, and with the antique cars, there is no handicap parking. She asked the representatives with Main Street to relook at the parking when their events are going on. Mr. Davis with Tipton Main Street stated absolutely. Councilman Richards stated the last car show there was a great crowd.

Ms. Delora Sullivan Rich, Tipton commented she is dog walker and asked if something could be done about the trash bins taking up the sidewalks. There was a brief discussion regarding the toters.

Mr. Whitman asked if a possibility is there of the City taking back the City Building Commissioner, code enforcement. Councilman Kring stated he would support it at budget time. He would support the City having a Building Inspector, Code Enforcement, and Engineer. Mr. Whitman stated the City could recoup the money in permit and license fees for 10-15 contractors once a year to offset the fund.

Councilman Kring brought up the yard waste and split the bill with that Board and City or County. He stated yard waste is not part of the DSW, the City owns 12 acres across the street there were ideas on that property and partner with Green Cycle, but it's not in the budget with the Solid Waste to do that every year. We need to think at budget time too regarding yard waste toters. Councilman Kring stated the AIM Workshop was awesome. He also stated if you have any ideas for the Council budget to let him know, he will be meeting with the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer regarding the Council budget. Councilman Kring commented he feels the marketing of the City needs to be kept in the budget. Councilman Richards thanked Kring for the Solid Waste information. Councilman Kring stated it is a different Board, Joe VanBibber, Mayor, and Tim Richards are all new, the three Commissioners are still on it along with Alice.

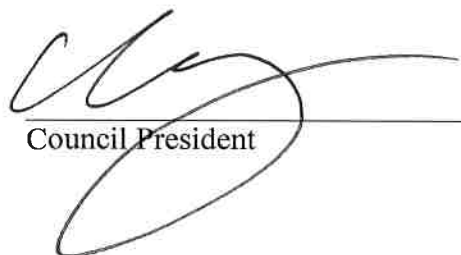
Councilman Vautaw said thanks for the AIM Workshop.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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 Council President