

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on April 27, 2026, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Mike Bollman, Bob Edinger, Angie McAdams, Dylan Dietrick, Matt Quigley, Rob Cochrane III with TMSA, Jim Davis with TMSA, Robertah Heinzmann, Jason Henderson, Korey Henderson, Justin Coe, Rick Chandler, Shawn Emberton, David Brown, and Adrian Roach.

Mayor Schmicker opened the April 27, 2026, Council meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the April 13, 2026, Council minutes, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the April 27, 2026, BOW meeting.

District Solid Waste Board: Mayor Schmicker stated they had their monthly meeting on April 20th, and it was normal business.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw commented that we had a pretty productive meeting on the 9th of April and a public hearing on the Market Road project. Mr. Frodge was here on that hearing, and they had a waiver on the UDO, 6.2.I, which requires eight trees per acre of empty space. The Board asked him some questions, and then the neighbor asked some questions that he answered. Councilman Vautaw stated that we gave approval of the site plan and the waiver on that in the meeting. He also stated that we briefly went over the rules and procedures of the City Planning Commission, and they were approved as well.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented that the April 20, 2026, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also gave some updates on some current projects.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker stated the Youth Council is in the final execution of their projects for this semester. There are four groups, some of whom have sought funding from the County Foundation, which has been supportive and helpful during this process, and educating them on the process by which someone would make an application and facilitate that. He also stated that one of the groups came to the BOW's this morning to seek approval for their project. Things are wrapping up well and will continue throughout the summer months.

New Business:

Tipton Main Street Association - Jackwagons Car Club (JWCC) – Regarding Operating Agreement of the Stage: Mr. Rob Cochrane III, TMSA President, presented an amendment to the Operating Agreement regarding mobile trailers. He advised the Council that Jackwagons Car Club and TMSA have an agreement regarding the temporary stage. Mr. Jim Davis, a TMSA member, stated that this waiver is club-specific and has no alternatives. He also stated that by next year, we will have a better understanding of truly some of the needs that exist, and be able to present amendments to the operating agreement that allow for scalability and some long-term longevity, and maybe anticipate some of those future needs, build us some flexibility in there while still being able to maintain those standards. Mr. Cochrane clarified that the motion would be to approve the amendment to the agreement and authorize Council President Kring to sign it. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the amendment and to have Councilman Kring sign the agreement to the plaza stage, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Thank you for trusting Main Street.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker addressed some changes at the Police Dept. He stated one of his responsibilities as mayor is to ensure that the Police Dept. operates with clear leadership, strong accountability, professional standards, and a culture that's supportive of officers as well as the community. So, working with former chief a decision was made that change was required at the position of police chief, which a change was made. It wasn't the outcome to have that position resigned that day. It was more of a transitional conversation. We find ourselves now with a search conducted for the next police chief. There are interviews scheduled for this upcoming week for a decision to be made shortly thereafter. Schmicker commented regarding the project updates for the Public Safety Building. We are finalizing the front canopy area, which is the last part of the project that needs to be buttoned up for that project to be completed. He also commented that we are going to mill and resurface the parking lot of that facility. Schmicker stated that the East Street stormwater project, the final asphalt, should be completed in 2-3 weeks. Midwest Paving will be in town for several weeks, conducting some of the asphalt work across town. He also stated that, in conjunction with that, we are working to get the old park entrance on South Street addressed during this asphalt work, so it will be improved as a product of this other work that's going on in the city. Mayor Schmicker commented on the baseball project that the water and sanitary have been installed and connected. The laterals of the sanitary sewer were installed with the tracer wire, so that later, if needed, we can locate those for other projects. The water is ahead of schedule and was installed successfully, at least the meter pit for the water connection, and should be wrapped up here in the next week or so. The drainage should be connected, likely this week, weather permitting. There was a discussion of the irrigation system. The soil has been moved, so they will start building up the fields with the infield mixes to create that pad. He also commented that Blake Marchand is going to be building the fields, which will start in June. Schmicker stated that lights are not part of this project, due to their expense to the project, but we are going to install the infrastructure for those to be installed at a later date. The conduit and junction boxes will be in places they need to be strategically, so

when lights can be afforded and installed, everything will be in the right place. He also stated we are working with the City's municipal advisor regarding upcoming budgets, with the impacts of SE1. The local income tax changes got moved down the road another year. So, we are working with the advisors to create those solutions at least for the budget year of 2027.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2026-08 – A Resolution By The City Of Tipton Common Council To Accept A Quit Claim Deed For Real Property As Identified In Exhibit A (Attached Hereto), Located In Tipton, Indiana From The Tipton Municipal Utility: Mayor Schmicker stated that this is some cleanup work of transferring some Utility property in the City's name. The Utilities owned part of the parcels that the PSB sits on. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 182124-182232 for \$639,538.65, seconded by Councilman Kring. Councilman Vautaw asked about the \$13,000 water fountain claim. Mayor Schmicker stated that is the water fountain that is being installed at Dearborn and Main. There used to be many fountains across town, including downtown, but also on the north side. This was the last fountain that existed in the City of Tipton. So, with the previous expected work, the plan was to trial upgrading those fountains before they didn't have the ability to operate in the winter months. The upgrade would be to one that could operate in the winter months to see if it's a success, and if so, could we pursue projects in the future by adding these to highly traveled areas? Councilman Vautaw stated this is a drinking fountain. Mayor Schmicker commented correct, it is handicap accessible.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Councilman Kring stated he has had some questions about the work at Independence and Jackson, some of the sidewalks were damaged by Midwest. There are quite a few on Jackson Street. Mayor Schmicker stated we will address them with Midwest, make sure to send us a list, or have the residents call in.

Councilman Richards commented that he had a question also, he had some people in his district ask me some things. You have already addressed some of it. They were asking why the City Council and the Mayor did what happened at the Police Dept. He also commented that he tried to explain the City Council had nothing to do with the Police Dept. changes, and the Mayor is over the Department Head. Richards stated they were also asking about Joe Bitner, whether he is still in a transition period, or is his job secure?. Mayor Schmicker stated Joe is still the acting Fire Chief. Councilman Richards stated right, but in the next three or four weeks, is he still safe? Mayor Schmicker stated we haven't initiated a transition period with Joe. The same assessment of leadership with his department or any other is an ongoing activity.

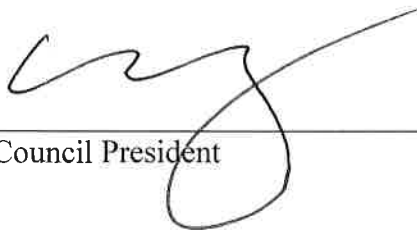
Ms. Roberta Heinzman, Tipton, asked if the Public Safety Building was completed inside. Mayor Schmicker stated there is a punch list and we continue to mitigate some of the challenges with the HVAC system. Heinzmann asked what the cost would be for the lights at the baseball fields. Mayor Schmicker commented that when we were introduced to the lighting professionals with the school corporation, we walked that site and their estimate at that time, a couple of years ago it was between 6 and 700,000 dollars for three fields. Ms. Heinzmann stated she had mixed feelings about the fountains. We are all germaphobes now because of COVID and everything. She asked if it would be tested by the water company, just like everybody else's water. Mayor Schmicker commented that is correct.

Adjournment: Councilman Rippy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council President