

City of Tipton Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held on November 25, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Judy Coker, Evan Piske, Matt Quigley, Dylan Dietrick, Jeff Stout, Joe Bitner, Heath Moreland and Mark Baird.

Mayor Schmicker opened the November 25, 2024, BOW meeting.

Minutes: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, BOW minutes, seconded by Mayor Schmicker, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Salvation Army Fundraiser – Jack Wagons Car Club – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11-3 – Heath Moreland: Mr. Moreland commented this will be like the Telethon Bucket Campaign. They would like to do it from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There was some discussion on being at Main and Jefferson Street, and there was no objection by Public Safety. It was also stated to wear high-vis shirts/vests. Mr. Moreland stated they have a high visibility vest and the Salvation red buckets. Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mayor Schmicker, with all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker gave a brief update on the improvements to Jefferson Street, including the signage arms and the pedestals and bases.

Fire: Chief Bitner asked if there were any questions on the October report. There were no questions. He also stated the departments helped at the Job Fair the Chamber hosted, the Kyle Degler Memorial Heart Scan, and the Electric Dept. with decorating the tree at the Park. Chief Bitner commented they attended the Pride Meeting. He also commented that Medic Allissa Flick and Nicki Moss participated in a three-day conference and soaked in a wealth of knowledge. Chief Bitner stated John Hinds Career Center students will ride along with the Medics. Councilman Ehman asked about when Santa will ride through town. Chief Bitner stated on Christmas Eve.

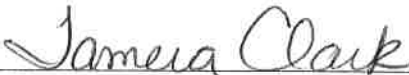
Police: Chief Stout handed out the stats and stated they seem to be trending up. The traffic stops are the second highest this year. The Police, Sheriff, Windall, Kempton, and Sharpsville received pads from the OPIOID Settlement money from the County. Chief Stout asked how much was in our Opioid funds. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated Unrestricted Opioid is \$32,085.53 and Restricted Opioid is \$77,659.81. Chief Stout commented that they participated in the Job Fair as well. He also commented that the Department had done year-end training with EVOC, night shoot, and night driving. Chief Stout stated Officer Ludvigsen was rear-ended, and the driver didn't have insurance. The car is totaled. He also stated he had contacted Ford and Academy about getting a used vehicle as a

replacement. Chief Stout commented that he is preparing specs for Dan Young, Ford, and Academy for a new car. He also commented that Tryce Huffman is off the FTO phase but is still on probation and will be alone. Chief Stout stated Jackson Tunnell will graduate from the Academy on December 13th, and Chief will attend. He also stated we have an Officer in the Westfield process, and they have offered a conditional offer of employment. He could be leaving on December 26th and starting there on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief Stout commented unfortunately, we were fully staffed, but he does have some interested parties. He also commented that Shop with a Cop is on December 7th and Tis The Season is on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Enforcement Division: Judy Coker, Building Commissioner, apologized for not attending the regular meeting. She reviewed the permit report with the Board. She also stated the Planning Commission approved a solar ordinance and will be working on amending the sub-division control ordinance. They will have a public hearing on this. Coker commented that the BZA had no petitions for November or December. She also commented that Nate's email addressed 525 E. Jefferson, a vacant house and empty lot. Coker stated that the camper has no power or water on the vacant lot, but they can have it on the property. She also stated letters were sent to the trash left in the alleys and that they needed to contact the Street Dept. to be picked up. The trailer at 928 Oak Street has been demolished. Evan Piske, Enforcement Officer, stated that at 217 Fourth Street, he is slowly cleaning up the property. It was also stated the house next to the City building is going to be rehabbed and then be rented out. Mayor Schmicker asked for a timeline. Piske commented on the Trailer Park on Park Road. The resident is remodeling and is living there now. He also commented that at 134 E. Jefferson, the Armstrong property is repairing and remodeling the upstairs. Councilman Ehman asked about the permit from the Old Chamber Building. Coker stated the owner, Spencer Cox, has a zoning issue, and he was told he couldn't do what he wanted to do, and we haven't seen him since. Councilman Ehman asked about the Red Brick. Coker stated there is an order to demolish, and the fine is at the maximum of \$5,000. Councilman Ehman asked for an update on White's. Coker stated the fine is at the max. Mayor Schmicker stated they were trying to get it auctioned off. Coker stated there were a lot of people interested in it. We received a lot of phone calls, but we can tear it down, too. City Attorney Quigley stated that is about all we can do. There was a brief discussion regarding a tree at 928 Oak Street that is half dead, which was too large for Mr. Bergman to remove. The City doesn't own the property. Mayor Schmicker stated that with the City not owning the property, he would hate to take that on.

Adjournment: With no further business, Councilman Ehman called for adjournment, seconded by Mayor Schmicker, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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President, Board of Public Works and Safety  
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