

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on November 25, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Clerk-Treasurer Clark, Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, and Richards. Councilmen Kring, and Rippey were not present.

Others: Bob Edinger, Andi Pumphrey, Dan Miller with HNTB, Dylan Dietrick, Rob Cochrane III, Mike Bollman, Ryan Huebschman with HNTB, Roberta Heinzmann, Matt Quigley, Jim Johnson with INDOT, Judy Cocker, Elsa Smith, and Tom Dolezal.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Mayor Schmicker requested that HNTB be added to the agenda under New Business. It's a presentation for US 31. Councilman Richards made a motion to amend the agenda and add HNTB under New Business, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

BOW: Councilman Ehman reported on the November 25, 2024, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: No meeting.

Solid Waste District Board: Councilman Richards stated it was a short meeting.

Street, Alley, & Sidewalk Committee: Councilman Ehman commented there were two applicants left over for next year. We have several for next year. He also commented they are striping downtown today. Councilman Ehman stated there is a meeting with LTAP on December 6th.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw stated that they approved the development plan for the concrete place on the East end of Industrial Drive and gave a favorable recommendation for the solar ordinance. The Subdivision Control Ordinance was sent to the Standing Committee.

Utility Board: Mayor Schmicker commented that the November 18, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker stated that the four groups that participated presented to a small panel of individuals and reported on some of the projects they want to execute within their schools. They will now move into execution, which will begin in the Spring Semester, and we will hear more about that as they develop those.

New Business:

HNTB – US 31 – Dan Miller: Mr. Miller introduced himself and stated that Jim Johnson, with INDOT, and Ryan Huebschman, with HNTB Traffic Division, were also present. Mr. Miller said that we are in the Draft Level 3 Screening Report and are still engaging with community members. An information meeting was held in Tipton on November 14th and another in Peru on November 19th. Mr. Miller gave a brief presentation on each package's cost and advised that some packages were eliminated. He also mentioned that no decisions have been made and that INDOT has funded no projects. Mr. Miller stated you can read more about this study on the ProPEL US 31 website. Councilman Ehman asked about the completion date. Mr. Miller stated that, hopefully, it will be in mid-next year, and it may be finalized by June. Mayor Schmicker asked if there were any questions. Councilman Ehman stated he appreciated the information.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker gave an update on the downtown rendering of the stop signs and removal of the old concrete. He also commented that we missed the date for salt prices in July, so we might have to find another way to purchase salt if needed. Mayor Schmicker stated that there was an overage in the trail project; it was poor calculations in the plans and bid packet. He also noted that the Clerk-Treasurer and himself are working on this.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-35 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations – Police Budget: Mayor Schmicker stated we were expecting this for gasoline because of being full staff. The amount is \$6,975. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-35, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Resolution 2024-36 – A Resolution Electing To Join Or Enlarge The Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) As Administered By The Indiana Public Retirement System: Mayor Schmicker stated this is to enlarge PERF Hybrid for Civilian Medics, Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Civilian Employees Fulltime. This is something Tammy and himself have worked on with the budget, and we have taken the burden of working with Indiana PERF to create this presentation today. Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-36, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Ehman stated he asked Clerk-Treasurer Clark about this earlier, but this does now include all full-time city employees. Mayor Schmicker stated correct, this does unify our benefit offerings to employees, whether Public Safety or Civilian.

Ordinance 2024-15 (Amending Ord. 2024-09) – An Ordinance Amending The Maximum Salaries, Wages, And Other Compensation For Police Officers, Firefighters, And All Other Employees Of The City Of Tipton For The Year 2024: Mayor Schmicker stated this compensates the Interim for the Street and Golf and is on second and final reading.

Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-15 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-16 – An Ordinance Establishing A Department Of Parks And Recreation Board And Repeal Of All Ordinances In Conflict Therewith: Mayor Schmicker stated this is on the second and final reading. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-16 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-17 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton Providing That The Text Of The Zoning Ordinance Be Amended – Solar Energy Conversion Systems: Mayor Schmicker stated Judy Coker with the Planning Dept. is with us tonight. Coker read Ordinance 2024-17 first page. Councilman Ehman asked if anyone attended the public hearing. Coker advised no one was there for the hearing. She also stated we started with the County and then went to the City. Councilman Ehman thanked her for all her work. Coker stated the Standing Committee largely did it. Mayor Schmicker asked if there were any questions. No Questions. Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.


Claims: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve claims 177953-178038 for \$874,513.28, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials: None.

Adjournment: Councilman Richards made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President