

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on December 9, 2024, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Rob Cochrane III, Bob Edinger, Andi Pumphrey, Mike Bollman, Dylan Dietrick, Elsa Smith, Roberta Heinzmann, Cory Parish, and Shawna Parish.

Council President Kring opened the December 9, 2024, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve the November 25, 2024, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the December 9, 2024, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Vautaw stated the minutes are in your packet.

Park Board: Councilman Ehman stated the Board did not meet because we have established a statutory Park Board and the Mayor hasn't appointed anyone as of yet, maybe by January. He also stated we received updates from Park Superintendent Tomlinson at the BOW on the punch list of Park items.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented that the December 2, 2024, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also highlighted a few items from the minutes.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Council President Kring stated tonight's work session was productive.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-37 – A Resolution To Transfer Within The General Fund The Following Appropriations-Golf Grounds Budget: Councilman Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-37, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2024-38 – A Resolution To Add A Designated Permittee To The City Of Tipton's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) – American Legion Post 46: Councilman

Ehman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38, seconded by Councilman Rippy, 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: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Richards. Ordinance 2024-17 was approved with Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, Richards, and Rippy in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Claims: Councilman Ehman made a motion to approve claims 178031-178184 for \$3,872,322.10, seconded by Councilman Rippy. The claims were approved, and Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, and Rippy were in favor. Councilman Kring and Richards abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Andi Pumphrey, Tipton, asked the Council to please review the handicapped parking. She also asked about DORA and the thought process behind going all the way to Hulén Dentistry in a residential section. It was stated that the map includes the Park. Councilman Kring stated the downtown area and the South Pole. They will have to have a DORA cup in the Park.

Mr. Bob Edinger, Tipton mentioned citizens were allowed to drink in public before. Councilman Kring stated that DORA has been hashed and rehashed, and we discussed why. He also stated that you can't walk into a business unless they have a sign and certain cups. You can't stop everybody.

Ms. Elsa Smith, Tipton rural questioned why the water tower at 28 & 31 was being built by the Sewer Plant and not the Water Plant. Councilman Rippy stated it was the best spot for it, and the Sewer Plant is not being used anymore; the plant was in terrible shape.

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann, Tipton, stated the punch list for the trails is complete. She thought the punch list should have trash cans, bike racks, and benches. It was stated that it was not part of the company that put the trails down. Ms. Heinzmann also stated that until those things are done, the State won't sign off on the grant. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated Park Superintendent Tomlinson is getting pricing for those items. Councilman Kring stated Mayor Schmicker made a video announcement on the City's Facebook page. Ms. Heinzmann asked about the transfer to Golf Grounds. Councilman Kring commented it was \$3,950 from line 116 Part-time wages to line 451 Other Equipment. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated this was not additional money; it was money already in his budget. Ms. Heinzmann asked about the new guy at the Golf Clubhouse. Councilman Kring noted that it is not public information yet. Ms. Heinzmann thanked the City for helping with the issue she was having in her neighborhood, it has been fixed.

Mr. Rob Cochrane III, Tipton with Tipton Main Street, commented that Tis the Season went great, and he wanted to thank the City, Police, Fire, and Municipal Services. Councilman Kring stated it was good to close Jefferson Street. With the weather we had, there was a nice crowd. Ms. Pumphrey stated there are some issues with semis. You need to block it at 550 West because the semis had nowhere to go.


Ms. Heinzmann commented that the initial Turkey Trot with the Mad Tap raised over \$600 for the trails. We had about 70 people, and she wanted to thank them. Councilman Richards said we should definitely do it next year. Ms. Heinzmann said additional groups, like the Scouts, want to work with this event.

Mr. Cory Parrish stated he owns the old Pioneer Seed facility and wants to relinquish the road. Humane Society/Marble Uniques and our facility don't know if there is an easement, but there is a lot of traffic between our buildings, and it is breaking down the road. Marble Uniques and KC Motors want us to pay for the repairs. Councilman Kring stated he wasn't sure if this was a platted road or alley, but he would pass it along.

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

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.

  
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