

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on January 13, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

Members: Mayor Schmicker, Clerk-Treasurer Clark, Councilmen Vautaw, Ehman, Richard, Kring, and Rippy.

Others: Bob Edinger, Mike Bollman, Rick Chandler, Dylan Dietrick, Elsa Smith, Roberta Heinzmann, Matt Quigley, Joe VanBibber, and Rob Cochrane III.

Mayor Schmicker opened the January 13, 2025, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve the December 23, 2024, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the January 13, 2025, BOW meeting.

Cemetery Board: Councilman Vautaw stated there were six burials, two cremations, and eight lots sold.

Park Board: Mayor Schmicker commented they will meet on the first Tuesday of February and that they are no longer an advisory board.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated the Board met on January 6, 2025, and highlighted a few items from the meeting.

New Business:

City Council Reorganization: Councilman Ehman nominated Councilman Nathan Kring to Council President, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Mayor's Appointments: Mayor Schmicker stated Councilman Ehman and Councilman Kring will remain on the BOW. He also noted that any Council appointment by Mayor Schmicker would stay the same. Mayor Schmicker commented that the Park Board appointments are Dylan Dietrick, Gena Sowash, Holly Melby, and Sophia Phifer. He also commented that the RDC one-year terms are Travis Goewey, Dan McFalls, and himself.

Council Appointments: Councilman Kring made a motion to appoint Councilman Rippy to the 911 Board, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated the Health Insurance he nominated Councilman Ehman and Councilman Kring, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Kring commented that for the City Planning Commission, he nominates Councilman Vautaw, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. He also commented that the two City RDC members would like to continue. Councilman Vautaw nominated Greg Burton and Jason Armes, seconded by

Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. Councilman Kring stated we would wait on Tree Advisory, but the Goodwill Committee is not active. He also stated District Solid Waste Councilman Richards has a two-year term and will end on December 31, 2025. Councilman Kring made a motion to nominate Councilman Richards, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Kring asked about the Public Safety Building & Infrastructure. Mayor Schmicker stated we are currently getting estimates on the critical improvement quotes to get bid packets. Councilman Kring nominated Councilman Kring and Ehman, seconded by Councilman Rippey, with all in favor. It was stated we would have to change the Building Inspector. Councilman Kring stated we would wait on the EMAC. He also noted that the CW Mount Board member, Susan Powell, doesn't wish to continue, but we will wait for the appointment. Councilman Kring nominated Diana Tomlinson to the Tree Committee, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. He also stated we need two more members for the Tree Committee.

Encumbrances 2024 to 2025: Mayor Schmicker stated we will use 2024 money in 2025 to pay for claims purchased in 2024. Councilman Richards made a motion to approve the Encumbrances 2024 to 2025, seconded by Councilman Ehman, with all in favor.

Humane Society update: Mr. Rick Chandler thanked the Mayor and Council for the partnership with the Humane Society, and the first year went very well. He reviewed the Humane Society financials for 2024 and gave updates on fundraisers for the Humane Society. Mr. Chandler stated he provided Clerk-Treasurer Clark with a check with the difference to be returned to the General Fund. He also said with the City and County commitment, Windfall and Sharpsville are paying for their animals. Councilman Kring asked how many of there have been since we changed the ordinance on cats or dogs being habitually caught with a fine of \$500. Mr. Chandler stated he was not sure about the issue of repeat offenders. They thanked Mr. Rick Chandler. Councilman Vautaw thanked all the volunteers who did all of this, and he appreciated it.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated the PR Team will have a year-end review snapshot of the last 12 months. The closeout of the CCG is one last part that will start in February: West Street, the most significant project to complete. The trails are finally finished, and the DNR requirement is that the grass be of a specific height before approval. Mayor Schmicker commented that the Pool pumphouse was leaking and losing water, which was an expense, but it's been fixed, RL Turner did the work for us and constructed it originally. He also commented that improvements are being made at the Golf Clubhouse, including the floor, restrooms, and other repairs. We are also working on fleet management, branding, and applying for Safe Streets. The stop signs have been ordered and will arrive at the end of January. Mayor Schmicker stated the alley's original Interim, Mark Clark, and Kreigh Smith suggested using the County's Harley rake to regrind the alley for a better base. We are going to test this first and then maybe purchase one. He

also stated crack sealing through Sealmaster if we buy the materials, they will bring the machine and let us use the machine for free. Mayor Schmicker thanked the Council for his first year and new projects. He also stated that half the things will be done in 2025, and will be a great year.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Nothing to report.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 178305-178448 for \$5,163,015.89, seconded by Councilman Vautaw. The claims were approved with Councilman Vautaw, Ehman, Richards, and Rippy in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

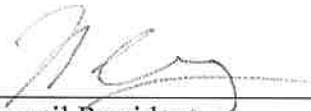
Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Mr. Bob Edinger, Tipton, stated it was brought to his attention that we have a new citizen, a new Schmicker; congratulations.

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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Council President