

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on February 10, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Elsie Smith, Roberta Heinzmann, Rob Cochrane III, Mike Bollman, Judy Coker, and Joe VanBibber.

Mayor Schmicker opened February 10, 2025, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve January 27, 2025, Council minutes as submitted, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the February 10, 2025, BOW meeting. Mayor Schmicker added that the Tipton Arts Commission will report to the BOW at the month's first meeting.

Cemetery: Councilman Vautaw commented the information is in your packets. He also commented Jo Ellen Scott was elected President and Tami Brown as Secretary. The Vice President is to be determined. Councilman Vautaw stated the Cemetery Board recommended increasing some of the fees on lots, openings, and cremations. He also stated the Board will not meet every month, it will be every other month.

Park Board: Mayor Schmicker stated they didn't have a quorum. Councilman Kring commented Park Superintendent Tomlinson reported in the BOW she gave an update on the playground equipment, the five bands she hired for the Summer Concert Series, the Utilities completed the sewer line in the park. The trash containers and other items for the trails have been ordered.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy commented February 3, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also highlighted a few items in the minutes. Councilman Rippy stated the design for the logo on the new water tower is pretty cool.

New Business:

Additional Encumbrances 2024 to 2025 for CCMG 2024-1 and Pool Parking Lot: Mayor Schmicker stated there were additional encumbrances added for the CCMG 2024-1 and Pool Parking Lot claims. They are highlighted in yellow on the list. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve the two additional encumbrances, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated anecdotal that some of our PR and marketing efforts have led to more conversations with Developers or folks interested in Tipton. This is just some communication back to the Council that sometimes these efforts don't seem to provide some outcome when they are contributing to encouraging conversations with developers. These have been outperforming even our expectations in the early couple of months of 2025.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Ordinance 2025-01 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Tipton Providing That The Text Of The Subdivision Control Ordinance Be Amended: Building Commissioner Judy Coker stated the Standing Committee of the Planning Commission met several hours on the subdivision control ordinance. She gave a summary of what was changed. She also noted that the new subdivision control ordinance is similar to the county's. There was a discussion regarding the changes and the zoning map. Mayor Schmicker thanked Commissioner Coker for all the work that was done. Coker stated our Standing Committee is excellent; we meet monthly to discuss different items. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-02 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-14 To Update The Schedule Of Fees For Fairview Cemetery: Mayor Schmicker stated the Cemetery Board recommended to update the Schedule of Fees. In your packet was the adjustment of fee structure and comparison to five other Cemeteries. Mayor Schmicker commented that the assessment of where the City falls is below the average of the five. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-03 – 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 2025: Mayor Schmicker stated this updates the clothing allowance. Councilman Kring made a motion to amend the list for the Police Dept. behind sunglasses and add ballistic in parenthesis, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor. Councilman Kring made a motion to remove sunglasses on the Fire Dept. The uniform list was seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Kring made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03 on first reading, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Clark stated the Ordinance will have the updated Uniform Lists for Police and Fire for the second reading of the Ordinance at the next Council meeting.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 178546-178655 for \$4,085,818.18, seconded by Councilman Ehman. The claims were approved, and Councilman Vautaw, Ehman, Richards, and Rippy were in favor. Councilman Kring abstained.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:

Ms. Roberta Heinzmann, Tipton, thanked the Planning Department for taking care of an issue that was brought to their attention. The individual(s) started on it today and are moving along a little faster.

Adjournment: Councilman Richards motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.



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Council ~~President~~ Member