

City of Tipton Common Council meeting was held on March 24, 2025, at Tipton City Hall, Council Chambers, Tipton.

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

Others: Mike Bollman, Dylan Dietrick, Elsie Smith, Rob Cochrane III, Rob Cochrane II, Jim Purvis, Dennis Henderson, Aaron Hill, Roberta Heinzmann, and Abby Smith.

Mayor Schmicker opened the March 24, 2025, Council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve March 10, 2025, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Amend Agenda: Nothing to report.

BOW: Councilman Kring reported on the March 24, 2025, BOW meeting.

Golf Advisory Committee: Councilman Ehman stated that the Committee met, and they are getting to know the new Golf Pro. He encouraged everyone to see the updates done at the Clubhouse. The golf course was ready to go, and the nice weather threw them off guard. The new point-of-sale system should be ready by Wednesday.

Tipton Partnership Initiative: Councilman Ehman commented that we had several different individuals at the meeting, and it was a nice meeting. Hopefully, we can work together to make Tipton County the best County in the State.

District Solid Waste Board: Councilman Richards stated they had a short meeting. Councilman Kring stated we voted a year ago to eliminate that junk pile of limbs at the Compost facility as a Solid Waste Board. The Board had discussed that it was never the role and responsibility to deal with yard waste, and with the budget the way it was, we voted that the Solid Waste wouldn't deal with it. Mayor Schmicker stated he had presented information that he wasn't aware of. It was asked how we handled the yard waste then. Councilman Kring stated Dietrick would have to be involved; he didn't know if they would take it to Green Cycle. Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick stated the grinder is unusable, so we must hire someone to clean it thoroughly. Councilman Richards commented that a company ground the yard waste in August. Councilman Kring stated that it costs \$19,000 to do that. Mayor Schmicker said thanks for that information.

Street, Alley, & Sidewalk Committee: Mayor Schmicker stated the next meeting is in April.

Planning Commission: Councilman Vautaw commented they done a recommendation for the definition amendment, so it will be coming to us for approval.

Utility Board: Councilman Rippy stated the March 17, 2025, Utility Board minutes are enclosed. He also noted the two big projects are going well. We have another month before the wastewater main is complete. The West Street project looks good.

Youth Council: Mayor Schmicker commented that they are working on the end-of-the-year spring project.

Other Boards/Committees: Councilman Kring stated we have changes to the truck ordinance and golf cart ordinance that we will get to City Attorney Quigley. Council Kring also stated he attended the County RDC meeting, along with Utility Director Ankrum, Utility Board Member McElfresh, and other partners. County RDC member Jim Purvis advised the City Council that they would like to form a committee of the County RDC. We have a long partnership with the Utility and City in the TMU service area. He also advised the County has an interested developer for single-family housing west of town and we would like to form a task force, Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Purvis asked for two members from the Council to be on this committee, along with the Mayor. Councilman Kring stated he would love to be on it as Council President. Councilman Rippy nominated Councilman Kring to be on this committee, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor. Councilman Richards volunteered to be on the committee as well. Councilman Vautaw nominated Councilman Richards to be on this committee, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor. There was a lengthy discussion, and Abbie Smith, the County's Community Development Director, also provided the Council with information regarding this project.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schmicker stated we are working on the City Employee Handbook. It will take 2-4 months, so we should have a final form by August. He also stated that it hasn't been updated since 1999. Mayor Schmicker commented that the park playground equipment installation is being done, but they need two good weeks to complete it. He also commented that the Trails Committee will be having a public meeting to go over the priorities and align the next steps. Mayor Schmicker stated we first met with Ball State on the Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting is at the CW Mount Center on Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:30 p.m. He also stated he met with Municipal Services Superintendent Dietrick and City Engineer Mahan to update the stop signs because the originals are not handling the weather. Mayor Schmicker commented that BMO Harris is leaving, so we are creating an RFI to deliver to the two local bank institutions, not the Credit Union.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-02 (Amended) – A Resolution Amending The 2025 Tipton Golf Course Fees: Mayor Schmicker stated there were some new fees added. Councilman Richards made a

motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 (Amended), seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2025-04 – A Resolution Adopting The 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Program And Funding: Mayor Schmicker stated nothing changes this year. Councilman Vautaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04, seconded by Councilman Rippy, with all in favor.

Resolution 2025-05 – A Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency – Golf Cart Lease (40 Carts): Mayor Schmicker commented this is a lease with EZGO, and they use PNC Bank for their leases, which is one of a few institutions that use a resolution. It is stated the Mayor would be the signer and the Clerk-Treasurer would be the witness. Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05, seconded by Councilman Richards, with all in favor.

Claims: Councilman Rippy made a motion to approve claims 178485-178987 for \$679,706.66, seconded by Councilman Kring, with all in favor.

Petitions, Comments, and Memorials:


Mr. Rob Cochrane III, Tipton Main Street, gave an update on the project and upcoming events. He advised our BZA hearing was rescheduled to this Wednesday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The TMS Board selected BMS Enterprise as our contractor for the project. They delivered the lowest and best bid of \$12,000 for the structure, which was below our budget. Tipton Main Street does have the funds on hand to complete construction. Pending the BZA approval, we will offer a project sponsorship tier list to help support programming at the events of the stage in lieu of City or Mayoral funds that would help those events and programs. Mr. Cochrane stated he had an on-site meeting with BMS Enterprise and Park Superintendent Tomlinson this morning to ensure we are all on the same page. The construction will last approximately 7-10 days. Main Street would request the plaza be closed during the construction and would like for the closure to be communicated via the City's Facebook page and Main Street's Facebook page. He also stated that the Board has approved the draft of the operating agreement, and we are waiting to sign it pending the BZA approval. Mr. Cochrane said they will have an open house on April 10th from 5-7 p.m. at the Elks. This will be a chance for the community to celebrate our accreditation and discuss our ongoing projects and initiatives to promote our event calendar for the year and showcase our new website, which we're building with all about marketing by Kelly (McCormack) Kendall. This is open to the public, but they kindly request that you RSVP on their Facebook page so we can estimate the numbers. He also commented that our partners at Main Street in Zionsville are beginning their Indiana Main Street accreditation process, and we are helping them with that. They will be coming April 16th from 11:30 to 1:30, and we will conduct a walking tour and visit several amenities and businesses within the town to inspire them as they begin their process. Invitations have been sent to city and county representatives for this event and Chad Huff from the Foundation. Mr. Cochrane stated we are potentially breaking ground in early April and finishing it by the beginning of May. Councilman Ehman noted that

this is a great project, and he is looking forward to when it is finished. He asked if they had finalized who was going to control the calendar. Cochrane stated the new website they are building. They will link to the community calendar that exists out there on our website and will be adding the events at the stage to the community calendar. You can log on to that community calendar on our website to see if that space is available. Tipton Main Street will be coordinating all of this. Cochrane also stated the only thing that remains undetermined is the color of the roof. Councilman Kring asked Blue Devil blue, or are we not doing that? Cochrane stated the option he discussed with the Main Street Board was that there is an opportunity for the city to promote the new color scheme, so if the Mayor chose to paint the color of the metal roof the same color of City color green, that would be that opportunity if that is something you're interested in if not we can pick the color. He also stated he wanted to offer that opportunity to the Mayor or Council.

Adjournment: Councilman Rippey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vautaw, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tamera Clark, Clerk-Treasurer.


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Council President