

City of Tipton
February 8, 2018 City Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Answering roll call were Mayor Jennifer Cary, Aldermen Mark Hampton, Don Basinger and Mike Kelley, and Counselor Cydney Mayfield. Public Works Superintendent Jeff Koechner and City Clerk Jennifer Schmidt were also present.

Alderman Kelley moved to accept the minutes of the open and closed meetings held January 2, 11 & 23, 2018. Seconded by Alderman Basinger and the motion carried by three.

The following updates were made:

1. Alderman Kelley moved to authorize Mayor Cary to sign the engineer agreement with Allgeier, Martin & Assoc., for design and construction of the waste water treatment plant sludge basin. Seconded by Alderman Hampton and the motion carried by three.
2. Alderman Basinger moved to authorize Mayor Cary to sign an IRA agreement with NY Life in order to accept a monetary donation for the park from a local citizen. Seconded by Alderman Kelley and the motion carried by three.
3. The council agreed to proceed with the annual fireworks show, hire a technician through J & M Supply and to coordinate a date with them.
4. The October 2016 – September 2017 audit report from Gerding, Korte and Chitwood was presented. Highlights included the assets exceeding liabilities by \$9,073,751 and \$2,673,001 of this may be used to meet ongoing obligations; the net position increased \$315,107 from last year; the governmental funds had a balance of \$1,777,847 and \$1,462,994 is unassigned; the general fund balance unassigned balance was \$1,604,792. Alderman Hampton moved to approve the October 2016 – September 2017 budget report. Seconded by Alderman Basinger and the motion carried by three.
5. Alderman Kelley moved to allow Chief Edward Wiecken to hire up to 3 part time officers to work weekends and night shifts as needed at the reserve rate of pay per hour. Seconded by Alderman Basinger and the motion carried by three.
6. The council agreed to have the nuisance ordinance rewritten and prepared for the next meeting, using Alderman Kelley's suggestions.
7. Craig Wolf reported that the park board met after reorganizing and not meeting for 15 years. Bob Wolf was elected president, Bertha Harris was elected Secretary. The board has 2 needs for the ball fields, scoreboards and lights. The board is asking for donations from a few businesses, TRA and Tipton R-VI School District. The meeting discussion included adding bull pens at the softball field, repairing the batting cage, adding a mat under the fence so weeds are detoured from growing, reworking the batter boxes on each field, and to repair the backstop fence at the softball field.

At 6:35 p.m., Alderman Kelley move to enter into Executive Session per RSMo. 610.021 (1). Seconded by Alderman Basinger. Roll call vote was taken: Kelley, yes; Basinger, yes; Hampton, yes.

Mayor Cary called the open meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m. Those answering roll call were Mayor Jennifer Cary, Aldermen Mark Hampton, Don Basinger and Mike Kelley, and Counselor Cydney Mayfield.

Mayor Cary stated the council reviewed a litigation issue and the library building lease will go out to the library board next week.

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In new business, Bill 18-03 was prepared to authorize the Mayor to sign a loan agreement with the Tipton Municipal Library District, loaning them \$42,000 to operate until tax funds are collected. Library Board members Ruth Ann Knipp, Lisa Toler Knipp, Marleen Lenger and Janis Wassman were present. They asked that the loan term be extended to 30 years instead of 25 due to the \$10,000 increase of the loan for attorney Kent Brown's final invoice. The council agreed to the extension; the bill and agreement will have to be redone and resubmitted for approval.

In other new business, Alderman Hampton questioned why Tracee Rd did not have a street sign. The city cannot place a street sign where the street has not been accepted and the developer has not conformed the streets to the city's specifications.

Alderman Hampton moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Alderman Kelley and the motion carried by three.

Alderman Kelley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Basinger and the motion carried by three. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jennifer Schmidt, City Clerk