

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

January 6, 2014

Executive Session

President Kessler informed everyone Council will be entering Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official to include members of Council, City Manager Jon Crusey and Council Member Elect Matt Owen. Mr. Gibson moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Council entered Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Gibson moved to return from Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. The City Council meeting began at 7:30 pm.

Council Meeting

City Staff in attendance include: City Manager Jon Crusey, Law Director David Caldwell, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler and Clerk of Council Janice Bates.

Guests signing the register include: Thomas Chaney, Todd Niswonger, Joe & Leslie Trimbach, Kevin Turner, Matt Owen, Mike McFarland, Hudson Owen, Gannon Owen, Brecken Owen, Christa Owen, Sarah Gibson, Sonia Gibson, Diana Gibson, Kevin and Michelle Price, Brian Cook, Kim Wilson, Liz Sonnanstine, Sharon Drake and Don Drake. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Jeff Seekins from Community Bible Church gave the Prayer for Guidance. President John Kessler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members

Matt Owen was sworn in by Law Director David Caldwell

Katelyn Berbach was sworn in by Law Director David Caldwell

Joseph Gibson was sworn in by Law Director David Caldwell

President ~~Gibson~~ Kessler informed Council that Mr. Hale was stuck in Denver due to weather and that he would be sworn in at Council's January 21, 2014 meeting.

Council Reorganization Election of President

Mr. Gibson made a motion to open the nominations for Council President. Ms. Berbach seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Ms. Berbach nominated Joe Gibson. Mr. Owen seconded. Mr. Gibson moved to close nominations. Ms. Berbach seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Vote was taken for Mr. Gibson as Council President. Vote was 5-0-1. Mr. Gibson abstained. President Gibson thanked his fellow Council Members for the confidence they have placed in him with their selection of him as Council President.

Council Reorganization Election of Mayor

Mr. Kessler made a motion to open the nominations for Mayor. Ms. Berbach seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Mr. Kessler nominated Pat Hale. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Kessler seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Vote was taken on the nomination of Mr. Hale as Mayor. Vote was 6-0. President Gibson wished to note the service of outgoing Mayor Dee Gillis that she provided the City. I would like to personally thank Ms. Gillis for everything that she has done for the City. Ms. Gillis commented, "It has been

	<p>one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life and I have enjoyed every minute of it”.</p> <p>Mayor Gillis moved to excuse Mr. Hale. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.</p>
Amendment/Approval of Agenda	<p>Ms. Berbach moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.</p>
Minutes 12/16/13 Pre-Meeting Study Session	<p>Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Pre-Meeting Study Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion failed. Mr. Kessler, Ms. Berbach and Mr. McDermott voted yea. Ms. Gillis, President Gibson and Mr. Owen abstained.</p> <p>President moved to table the approval of the December 16, 2013 Study Session minutes. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.</p>
12/16/13 Council Meeting	<p>Mr. Kessler moved to table the minutes of the December 2, 2013 City Council Meeting. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.</p>
Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards	<p>There were none.</p>
Ordinances (2nd Reading) Law Director Compensation	<p>An ordinance amending Section 34.10 of the Tipp City Code of Ordinances relating the compensation of the Director of Law.</p> <p>City Manager Comments: This ordinance authorizes a 2% increase in the Law Director’s salary from \$40,669 to \$41,482. This is the same percentage increase provided to all other employees and the Law Director’s first wage adjustment since being hired in 2012. This ordinance also removes the established salary for an Assistant Director of Law and allows the Director of Law to negotiate the compensation for such services should they be needed in the future. Compensation for an Assistant Director of Law is included in the Director of Law’s salary as established by this ordinance.</p> <p>Mr. Kessler sponsored the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. President Gibson thanked Mr. Caldwell for his services thus far. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 1-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.</p>
Resolutions	<p>There were none.</p>
Ordinances (1st Reading) Amending 2014 Appropriations	<p>An ordinance amending 2014 appropriations and modifying the annual operating budget as a result of this action.</p> <p>City Manager Comments: During Council’s October 28, Operating Budget Workshop a proposal was made to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to a newly created Economic Development Fund. However, after discussions with the State Auditor’s office it was determined that if the primary source of revenue for this new fund consists of a transfer from the</p>

General Fund, that it does not meet the requirements to establish a separate fund. This information was shared with Council at your December 16 study session. Therefore, this ordinance proposes to appropriate \$100,000 to a new line item in the General Fund's Community & Economic Development Department for potential future economic development incentives. Use of these funds for economic development purposes will be at the discretion of Council.

Mr. McDermott sponsored the ordinance.

Motions

Board & Commission
Appointments – Board
of Tax Appeals

A motion to make two appointments to the Board of Tax Appeals for one year terms ending December 31, 2014. Ms. Gillis moved to open nominations. Ms. Berbach seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Ms. Berbach nominated Diane Koehler. Mr. McDermott nominated Robert Blakey. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Vote passed 6-0. A vote was taken on Ms. Koehler's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Blakey's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.

Board of Zoning Appeals

A motion to make two appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals for three year terms expiring December 31, 2016. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Mr. Owen nominated Mike McFarland. Mr. McDermott nominated David Berrett. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Vote passed 6-0. A vote was taken on Mr. McFarland's nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Berrett's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.

Community
Reinvestment Area
Council

A motion to make two appointments to the Community Reinvestment Area Council for three year terms expiring December 31, 2016. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Voted passed 6-0. Ms. Berbach nominated Pat Liening. Ms. Gillis nominated Stan Evans. Mr. Owen moved to close nominations. Ms. Gillis seconded. Vote passed 6-0. A vote was taken on Ms. Liening's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Evans' nomination. His appointment was unanimous.

Parks Advisory Board

A motion to make two appointments to the Parks Advisory Board for four year terms ending December 31, 2017. Mr. Owen moved to open nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Mr. McDermott nominated Kevin Cox. Mr. Owen nominated Ben Woodruff. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Vote passed 6-0. A vote was taken on Mr. Cox's nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Woodruff's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.

Planning Board

A motion to make three appointments to the Planning Board for three year terms ending on December 31, 2016. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Mr. Kessler nominated Jamie DeSantis. Ms. Berbach nominated Brent Rawlins. Mr. McDermott nominated Stacy Wall. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Voted passed 6-0. A vote was taken on Ms. DeSantis' nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr.

	<p>Rawlins' nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Ms. Wall's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous.</p>
Restoration Board	<p>A motion to make two appointments to the Restoration Board for three year terms expiring December 31, 2016. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Ms. Berbach nominated Lauryn Bayliff. Mr. Owen nominated Ann Harker. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Vote passed 6-0. A vote was taken on Ms. Bayliff's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Ms. Harker's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous.</p>
Economic Development Committee	<p>A motion to appoint three councilmembers plus three (3) staff members to the Economic Development Committee for one year terms ending on December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Mr. Kessler nominated Matt Owen. Ms. Berbach nominated Dee Gillis. Mr. Owen nominated John Kessler. Ms. Berbach nominated Jon Crusey. President Gibson nominated John Green. Mr. McDermott nominated Brad Vath. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Vote passed 6-0. Mr. Kessler moved to approve as a slate. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Kessler moved for a vote on the slate of nominations. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.</p>
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission & Transportation Committee	<p>A motion to make appointments to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission & Transportation Committee as a representative (Councilmember) and alternate (Councilmember or Staff) for one year terms ending on December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried. President Gibson nominated Ms. Gillis as the representative. Ms. Berbach nominated Mr. McDermott as the alternate. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on Ms. Gillis' nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. McDermott's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.</p>
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee	<p>A motion to make appointments to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee as a representative (Staff) and alternate (Staff) for one year terms ending December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Gillis nominated Scott Vagedes. Mr. McDermott nominated Brad Vath. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on Mr. Vagedes' nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Vath's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.</p>
Volunteer Fireman's Dependent Board	<p>A motion to appoint two (2) Councilmembers to the Tipp City Volunteer Fireman's Dependent Board for a one year term ending on December 31, 2014. Mr. Kessler moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Kessler nominated Katelyn Berbach. Ms. Gillis nominated Mike McDermott. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on Ms. Berbach's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. McDermott's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.</p>

Tipp-Monroe
Community Services

A motion to appoint one (1) Councilmember as representative and one (1) as alternate to the Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc. Advisory Board for one year terms expiring on December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Owen nominated John Kessler as the representative. Mr. Kessler nominated Katelyn Berbach as the alternate. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken for Mr. Kessler's nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken for Ms. Berbach's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous.

Tax Incentive Review

A motion to make two (2) appointments to the Tipp City Tax Incentive Review Council for one year terms ending on December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Berbach nominated Brad Vath. Mr. McDermott nominated John Green. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on Mr. Vath's nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Green's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.

Tipp Improvement
Corporation Board

A motion to appoint all Councilmembers plus four (4) staff members to the Tipp Improvement Corporation Board for one year terms ending on December 31, 2014. Mr. Kessler moved to open nominations. Ms. Gillis seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Kessler nominated all Council Members. Ms. Berbach nominated Jon Crusey. President Gibson nominated David Caldwell. Mr. McDermott nominated John Green. Ms. Gillis nominated Christy Butera. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. President Gibson moved to vote on the nominees as a slate. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Berbach moved to vote on the nominations. President Gibson seconded. Motion carried.

DARE Advisory Board

A motion to appoint one (1) council member to the Tipp-Monroe Education Fund DARE Advisory Board for a one year term ending on December 31, 2014. This board has been disbanded and an appointment is no longer necessary.

OMEA Board

A motion to appoint one (1) Councilmember as a representative to the OMEA Board and one (1) staff member as an alternate for one year terms ending December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Gillis nominated Pat Hale as the representative. Ms. Berbach nominated Christy Butera as the alternate. Ms. Butera moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on Mr. Hale's nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Ms. Butera's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous.

Downtown Tipp City
Partnership

A motion to appoint one (1) council member and one (1) staff representative to the Downtown Tipp City Partnership for one year terms ending December 31, 2014. Mr. McDermott moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Gillis nominated Mike McDermott. Mr. Owen nominated Jon Crusey. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on Mr. McDermott's nomination. His appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Mr. Crusey's nomination. His appointment was unanimous.

Miami County Council

A motion to appoint one (1) council member to the Miami County Council for a one year term expiring December 31, 2014. Ms. Berbach moved to open nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Kessler nominated President Gibson. Ms. Berbach moved to close nominations. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on President Gibson's nomination. Votes were 5-0-1. President Gibson abstained.

President Gibson congratulated all of those who were appointed or re-appointed to sit on the various Boards. President Gibson also thanked everyone for their service to the community. We do appreciate your service. President Gibson informed everyone who was not chosen to keep in touch. There are several positions that could come open throughout the year.

Miscellaneous

There were none.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

Councilmember Comments

Ms. Berbach thanked everyone who applied for Board openings. Ms. Berbach also thanked Mr. John Kessler for his term as President and Ms. Gillis as Mayor. Ms. Berbach also congratulated Joe and Pat. Ms. Berbach also encouraged everyone to stay safe during this cold weather.

Mr. Kessler said he enjoyed serving as President the last two years. Mr. Kessler wished President Gibson well as the new Council President. Mr. Kessler agreed with Ms. Berbach's comments and encouraged everyone to remain warm and to take precautions against frost bite.

Mr. Owen thanked everyone in attendance. Mr. Owen added, "It is an honor to be serving you as a new Council Member. I would like to thank Bryan for his service as well. I also would like to congratulate Pat and Joe for taking over. It will be difficult not to call Dee Mayor Gillis. She did an outstanding job". Mr. Owen also thanked Mr. Kessler for his service as President of Council. Mr. Owen added he is looking forward to serving with this group. Mr. Owen also encouraged everyone to remain safe.

Mr. McDermott welcomed Mr. Owen to City Council. "This is your first of many City Council Meetings, special sessions, study sessions, day long meetings, budget meetings and things like that. Welcome to all of that." Mr. McDermott congratulated Mr. Owen for his service and his continued service to the community. Mr. McDermott also congratulated Mr. Hale and Mr. Gibson on their appointments. Mr. McDermott thanked Ms. Gillis for her service to the City. As Mayor, Dee was the most ever present person in and around the community. "Pat has some big shoes to fill".

Ms. Gillis thanked the Clerk of Council for her work on adjusting to the new Council titles after reorganization. Ms. Gillis also congratulated the new and returning Council Members. Ms. Gillis also congratulated President Gibson and Mayor Hale on their appointments. Ms. Gillis also thanked everyone for serving on the various Boards and Commissions. "It is a wonderful service they give to our City". Ms. Gillis also asked everyone to stay warm.

President Gibson echoed everyone's sentiment on our appreciation of your years of service and your dedication. You were always available to lend your support and dedicate your time. Thank you! President Gibson also thanked Mr. Kessler for his service as President. President Gibson thanked Council Members for allowing him to serve as President this term. The next meeting of the Zoning Code will be January 27th at 6:30 pm. This is a joint meeting between Council and the Planning Board. President Gibson reminded everyone these proceedings will be rebroadcast over the next two weeks on the cable access station.

**City Manager
Comments**

Mr. Crusey informed everyone trash pick-up is delayed by at least one day due to weather.

Council was provided an updated organizational chart. "During a workshop session, there was a request for an updated chart as well as a separate chart showing employees by department. If anyone has any questions, please give me a call".

Mr. Crusey also informed everyone "Income taxes for the year were up nearly 9.7% or almost \$480,000. Tipp City did very well in 2013. We are looking forward to another good year. Our revenue for this year has already surpassed the projection for next year".

Adjournment

Mr. Kessler moved to adjourn. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council