

**SPECIAL TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**October 15, 2014**

**Roll Call**

The following Council Members answered roll call. President Joe Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Katie Berbach, Dee Gillis, Mike McDermott and Matt Owen. President Gibson moved to excuse Mr. Kessler. Ms. Gillis seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

President Gibson moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

President Gibson informed everyone Council will be entering Executive Session for the purposes of appointing a public official, namely a new City Manager. To include the six members of City Council in attendance, Law Director David Caldwell and Finance Director John Green. Ms. Berbach moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Council entered Executive Session at 4:00 pm.

**Council Meeting**

President Gibson informed everyone for purposes of the record and the benefit of those in the audience, Council Members already answered roll call prior to entering Executive Session. Mr. McDermott moved to return from Executive Session. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Council returned from Executive Session at 4:15 pm. The special meeting of the Tipp City Council began at 4:15 pm.

City Staff in attendance include: Finance Director John Green, Law Director David Caldwell, Police Chief Eric Burris, Utility Billing Supervisor Stacie Brown and Clerk of Council Janice Bates

Guests signing the register include: Joe Bagi, Martin English and Mike McFarland.

**Ordinances  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

An ordinance appointing a Municipal Manager for the Municipality of Tipp City, Ohio and fixing compensation thereof, and declaring an Emergency.

Appointing Timothy Eggleston as New City Manager - Emergency

City Manager Comments: This ordinance is an emergency measure to hire Timothy J. Eggleston as City Manager to be effective November 17, 2014.

Ms. Gillis introduced this measure. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 22-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Authorizing the contract between Timothy J. Eggleston and the City of Tipp City - Emergency

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a contract between the City Council of Tipp City, Ohio and the Municipal manager specifying terms and conditions of the Municipal Manager's employment in addition to those contained in the City Charter and the Code of Ordinances of the City, and declaring an Emergency.

City Manager Comments: This is an emergency ordinance authorizing the execution of the contract between Timothy J. Eggleston and pertains to those terms of benefits outside of the Tipp City Charter and Code of Ordinances.

**Councilmember  
Comments**

Mr. McDermott introduced this measure. President Gibson inquired of the Law Director, "This is being declared an emergency to allow this to take effect immediately rather than waiting the statutory waiting period". Mr. Caldwell replied, "Correct, the ordinance becomes effective immediately, the effective date can be one other than today and five members of Council are required for it to be effective immediately". President Gibson stated for purposes of the record, we do this on an emergency basis in this particular instance because of the scheduling involved, the candidate needs to give notice to his other employer and this allows for a smooth transition. Mr. Caldwell replied, "Correct, it is in the interest of the health and welfare and best interest of the City that there not be any lapse in between the time of our Acting City Managers Mr. Vath and Mr. Green and our permanent City Manager Mr. Eggleston". Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 23-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Ms. Gillis stated she is pleased to have a new City Manager and for all of the work Council did to make sure we had a good candidate and we thank the company who helped us. "I think we are moving forward for the City. Thank you to everyone".

Mr. Owen reiterated Ms. Gillis' comments. Mr. Owen stated this has been a long process and thanked Council Members for their extra effort. Mr. Owen also thanked the staff for stepping up when needed during this time period. They did a great job. It was appreciated. Thank you to Mr. Vath and to Mr. Green and other members of staff who helped keep us moving along as we made this decision.

Ms. Berbach also wished to thank staff.

Mr. McDermott had nothing additional.

Mayor Hale also thanked Mr. Vath for sitting in the City Manager position and to Mr. Green for stepping up and filling in when Mr. Vath wasn't available. Mayor Hale also thanked Ms. Butera for also stepping up. Mayor Hale continued, by stating, "Let's not forget Mr. Caldwell for his advice and time he has spent on this process and coming in on Saturday's". Mayor Hale also thanked the citizens who came to the open house. Mayor Hale wished Mr. Eggleston and his family the best during the transition into our City and hope he loves it here as much as we do.

President Gibson also congratulated Mr. Eggleston. "As noted he brings a lot of experience in both City Management, but also in Zoning and Development. He has a well-rounded background and I believe he will be a good fit for us here and best of luck for him. I myself hope to do what we can from a Council perspective to work for a smooth transition where he settles in and will be able to take over the reins of the City". President Gibson offered a deep show of thanks to Brad Vath who was Acting City Manager who did a lot of work behind the scenes. He did everything with "professionalism, competence and class". We can't thank Brad enough for all he has done for us. President Gibson also thanked John Green for stepping in as well in those times when Brad couldn't make it and for everything he has done. President Gibson thanked Mr. Green and Ms. Butera for their assistance during the interview process. President Gibson also thanked staff and residents for

providing their input as to what they would like to see in a City Manager. "We took a long time. It was a long journey, but every one of us up here wanted to do this right. We wanted to get this right, we wanted to interview applicants, closely look at the information that has been provided and we are most optimistic that we have selected the right candidate and he will do well in running the City.

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council

