

TIPP CITY WORK SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

April 7, 2014

Executive Session

President Gibson informed everyone Council will be entering Executive Session to discuss Personnel, to consider the appointment of a public employee, particularly a new City Manager to include members of Council and Assistant City Manager Brad Vath. Mr. McDermott moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Council entered Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

Mr. McDermott moved to return from Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

Work Session

Watson Tent Request at Canal Lock Park

The work session began at 7:37 pm. The work session was held in Council Chambers to accommodate the number of attendees.

City Staff in attendance include: City Manager Jon Crusey, Law Director David Caldwell, Finance Director John Green, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Utilities Director Christy Butera and Clerk of Council Janice Bates.

Guests signing the register include: Cheryl Beck, Tony Rice, Jani Rice, Thomas Chaney, Jinqi Liu, Tara Boehringer, Hannah Budding, Coletta Seendan, Jaydon Stutz, Katherine Shirely, Taylor Sutton, Tony Fetrofes, Shelby Timmer, Karen Jackson, Mike Jackson, Jamie DeSantis, Javan Winn, Kyle Skinner, Josh Bellas, Katie Gross, Cameron Johnson, Tsz Ling Jr., Cassie Gingerich, Brianna Eichbaum, Larry Brown, Dan Glover, Mallory Reynolds, Cary Baldasare, Erin Janusz and Seth Bradley. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Mr. Vath informed Council the City has been approached by Mr. Steve Watson about having a wedding on his property at the Roller Mill. He has indicated an interest in having a 30' x 60' tent installed within Canal Lock Park. Normally issues such as this go before the Parks Advisory Board, but because of timing of the date of the wedding in May, there isn't time to hold the next Parks Advisory Board Meeting, get the response, and take official formal action by the Parks Advisory Board. City Manager Crusey and Mr. Vath discussed at a Study Session with Council and noted an email went to all members of the Parks Advisory Board. All members are in favor of the tent.

Tents are allowed in city parks or Canal Lock Park for a "special event". Generally in parks rules and regulations state alcoholic beverages are prohibited on public property. There are provisions that would permit alcohol if requested by the party and granted by Council. The initial discussion with Mr. Watson included "no alcoholic beverages would be consumed for the party". There may be a permissible modification. The City would require of Mr. Watson or the bride's family a certificate of insurance depicting the standard insurance requirements as outlined by the Law Director. The City also requests a rope be installed along the west side of the tent to the actual opening of the Canal Lock to provide protection to the guests. The tent will be installed on May 22nd and will be removed on May 27th. Mr. Watson and the bride's family will be responsible for cleaning up and maintaining Canal Lock Park

President Gibson inquired if the bride's parents (Mr. and Mrs. Rice) were in agreement with the requirements set forth in the presentation. Mr. Vath replied he had provided the Study Session presentation to Mr. Watson and provided a copy to the Rice's while Council was in Executive Session.

Tony and Jani Rice of 215 Weller, Centerville, Ohio approached the podium. Mr. Rice stated he and his wife were in attendance seeking the requirements for setting up the tent. Mr. Rice also asked what are the requirements and expectations from Council regarding the tent. Will there be a requirement for roping, caution tape, or could the side wall of the tent be let down? Mr. Rice added they are trying to meet Council's requirements. President Gibson stated Mr. Vath has set forth several items that were required in his presentation. President Gibson asked of the Rice's if the items in the presentation were items they could "live with". Mr. Rice replied they were adding if it is acceptable to Council it is acceptable with them as well. Mr. Vath added roping or caution tape to prevent guests from wandering over towards Canal Lock and potentially falling into Canal Lock. It doesn't need to be a barricade per se' but it would be in all's best interest to rope off the canal. President Gibson stated if the Rice's were in agreement and felt they could comply with the request of the City, we could have a motion at the next meeting. Mr. Kessler asked if there would be a beer/alcohol "garden" similar to what has been done for local festivals. Mrs. Rice suggested some sort of fencing. Mayor Hale suggested this to be spelled out in the motion. Mr. Crusey stated the Rice's can provide the City with a map showing where the tent and indicating where the fenced area will be. Mr. McDermott inquired if an F permit would be required. Mr. Owen commented since they will not be selling alcohol an F permit is not required.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Tipp City City Council began at 7:48 pm.

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Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Dan Glover from Tipp United Methodist Church gave the Prayer for Guidance. President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendment/Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hale moved to amend the agenda to include Resolution C. Appointing and Establishing Compensation for an Acting City Manager. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion Carried. Ms. Berbach moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes

3/11/14 Special Council Meeting

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Special Council Meeting. President Gibson seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1; Mayor Hale abstained.

3/17/14 Pre-Meeting Study Session

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Pre-Meeting Study Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

3/17/14 Council Meeting

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Council Meeting. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards

There were none.

Ordinances (2nd Reading)

Amending 2014 Appropriations

An ordinance amending 2014 appropriations and modifying the annual operating budget as a result of this action.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance would amend 2014 appropriations as follows:

+ \$10,000 Street Fund – To account for overtime costs related to snow and ice removal

+ \$33,000 Municipal Road Fund – To account for overtime costs related to snow and ice removal and also to purchase additional salt to replenish the salt barn in preparation for next winter.

Resolutions
Supporting State Issue 1

Ms. Gillis sponsored the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 7-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

A resolution supporting State Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program, on the May 6th, 2014 ballot.

City Manager Comments: This resolution would express City Council's support for State Issue 1, which if approved on the May 6th ballot would allow the state of Ohio to borrow up to \$1.875 billion over 10 year period through the issuance of bonds to pay for road and other public improvements. This funding source for the Ohio Public Works Commission was originally approved by voters in 1987 and was subsequently renewed in 1995 and 2005. The City of Tipp City has benefited greatly from this program and has received over \$9.6 million in grants/loans for important public infrastructure projects.

Mr. Kessler sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 14-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Purchase a Chipper from
Columbus Equipment
Company

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a chipper for the Electric Department from Columbus Equipment Company of Huber Heights, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Plan at a cost of \$45,864.

City Manager Comments: This resolution authorizes the purchase of a wood chipper for the Electric Department through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program at a cost of \$45,864. The intent is to keep the old chipper as a backup for those instances when the new chipper is down for repairs/maintenance. The purchase of this chipper versus renting a chipper when a backup is needed was discussed in detail at Council's September 23, 2013 CIP Workshop and again at Council's October 7, 2013 study session. Council ultimately determined to proceed with the purchase of a new wood chipper.

Mr. McDermott sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Gillis seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 15-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Appointing and
Establishing
Compensation for Acting
City Manager

A resolution appointing and establishing compensation for the position of acting City Manager pursuant to Tipp City Charter Section 5.07.

President Gibson's Comments: Mr. Crusey has taken a position with the City of Vandalia. While we regret him leaving, we still need to run this City and to provide services. In accordance with the City Charter, Council selects an interim City Manager. This resolution will enact that into law. Council has chosen Assistant City Manager, Mr. Brad Vath to be Interim City Manager.

Mayor Hale sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 16-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinances
(1st Reading)**

Assessments – Franklin
Street Reconstruction
Project

An ordinance levying special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches in conjunction with the Franklin Street Reconstruction Project.

City Manager Comments: There are four ordinances dealing with assessments. This ordinance would levy special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches constructed as part of the reconstruction of Franklin Street, between Second Street and Third Street, in 2012. City Council previously adopted Resolution 9-12 declaring it necessary to construct said curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches. Affected property owners were sent an estimate prior to construction and an invoice following construction for their actual costs. The assessments set forth in this ordinance are due by the private property owner within thirty (30) days after its passage. Otherwise, uncollected assessments will be certified to the County Auditor to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected in ten (10) annual installments.

Mr. Kessler sponsored the ordinance.

Assessments – Main
Street Reconstruction
Project

An ordinance levying special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches in conjunction with the Main Street Reconstruction Project.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance would levy special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches constructed as part of the Main Street reconstruction project, from First Street to the CSX Railroad, in 2013.

Ms. Berbach sponsored the ordinance.

Assessments – Dow
Street Reconstruction
Project

An ordinance levying special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches in conjunction with the Dow Street Reconstruction Project.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance would levy special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches that were constructed as part of the reconstruction of Dow Street, between Hyatt Street to Fifth Street, in 2013.

Mr. McDermott sponsored the ordinance.

Assessments – South
Third Street
Reconstruction Project

An ordinance levying special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches in conjunction with the South Third Street Reconstruction Project.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance would levy special assessments for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches that were constructed as part of the reconstruction of S. Third Street, from Elm Street to the railroad, in 2013.

Mayor Hale sponsored the ordinance.

Motions

There were none.

Miscellaneous

There were none.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Karen Jackson of 720 Columbine Court approached the podium. Ms. Jackson provided Council with information she gathered from surrounding municipalities regarding lawn watering regulations including: separate meters for usage with residential irrigation systems and alternative "credit" calculation model. Ms. Jackson suggested Tipp City utilize the same metering system as Troy does for its residents. Mr. Owen thanked Ms. Jackson for bringing this to Council's attention.

Larry Brown of 6650 S. Tipp-Cowlesville Road approached the podium. Mr. Brown inquired if the City has further considered his proposal of a noise ordinance. President Gibson stated noise is described in the nuisance section of the new Zoning Code. It is not addressed in the form of specific decibel levels. Mr. Crusey suggested the Law Director review this specific topic. The Zoning Code only deals with matters on private property. It would not deal with a vehicle on public property. President Gibson stated Mr. Crusey had made a good point. Mr. Brown suggested the City begin with an educational campaign. Many vehicles that travel through Tipp City, are just too loud and they have no regard for Tipp residents. By not addressing the issue, in essence, "Welcome to our fair City, everyone is welcome, bring all of the noise you want to bring because Tipp's residents desire for peace and tranquility are not as important as this noise".

Councilmember Comments

Ms. Gillis wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Owen had nothing additional.

Ms. Berbach wished everyone Happy Easter and also reminded everyone registration for Tipp Soccer is now open. Registration can be made at www.tippsoccer.org.

Mr. Kessler congratulated Mr. Crusey. "It has been a pleasure and I have learned a lot. You have showed me things in government that I had no idea. I will miss you and wish you good luck in Vandalia".

Mr. McDermott also congratulated Mr. Crusey. Mr. McDermott also thanked Mr. Crusey for his work for Tipp City. My two years on Council have been better for it and I think the City of Tipp City is better for Jon's leadership. He was instrumental in bringing new jobs to town and keeping the Tipp City economy strong. "I do appreciate your time here. Thank you!"

Mayor Hale thanked Mr. Vath for stepping forward and stepping up as the Interim Manager. Mayor Hale thanked Mr. Crusey for everything he has done to help him while he was President of Council and now as Mayor. You have always been quick to respond if I ever had a question. You have shown great leadership here. You have done a great job with the Department Heads in working with them. I wish you the best of luck. I hate to see you go, but I do not hold it against anybody to make any moves in their career they feel they need to take. Thank you for everything you have done for the community and the people of Tipp City.

President Gibson stated the Tipp Monroe swim team sign-ups are currently underway. Sign-ups are now completed online. Also as a reminder April 30th is the deadline to receive the discounted pool pass. The What A Girl Wants Fashion Show for a Cure is scheduled for May 17th. Best of luck on your event. On June 14th is Canal Music Fest sponsored by the Tipp City Arts Council. President Gibson stated this is the last meeting where Mr. Jon Crusey will be as Manager on the dais. He has announced he will be moving on to the City Managers position in the City of Vandalia. Mr. Crusey has been nothing but pleasant and professional. I appreciate everything you have done for me and for this Council. You often went above and beyond the call of duty.

**City Manager
Comments**

Mr. Crusey informed Council due to a retirement of a Lineman in the Electric Department, we advertised internally and had one candidate. David Slife who is currently an Arborist has applied and will be appointed to the Lineman position. We will now begin the process of advertising for an Arborist. This will run internally for seven days if no internal candidates, we will begin advertising externally.

Mr. Crusey stated he appreciates the kind comments from Council. "It is hard to believe it has been six years. One of my main objectives when I came to Tipp City was to accomplish was to make a positive difference in the community. Over the past six years, we have been able to do that. Much of this has been accomplished due to past Council's, this Council and primarily due to our Department Heads. We have outstanding Department Heads. We have a lot of employees who work very hard for the City. If there is any successes, I will take very little credit for that. Most of that credit goes to the Department Heads, the Community who are very engaged. Our biggest success over the last six years was the passage of our income tax levy. There are a lot of positives in Tipp City and Bradley will do a great job".

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council



