

**TIPP CITY WORK SESSION**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**June 2, 2014**

**Work Session**

The Work Session began at 7:15 pm. The following Council members were present: President Joseph Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Katelyn Berbach, Dee Gillis, John Kessler, Mike McDermott and Matt Owen. Also attending was: Acting City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Law Director David Caldwell, Police Chief Eric Burriss, Fire Chief Steve Kessler and Clerk of Council Janice Bates. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

**Ohio Public Works  
Commission – 3-year  
Pipeline**

Acting City Manager Vath provided Council with an overview of Ohio Public Works Commission Grants. The three-year pipeline includes The reconstruction of CR25A from SR 571 to Michaels in 2015. This will be a joint project between the City, Monroe Township and Miami County Engineer. In 2016, rehabilitation to the sanitary sewers. Current estimate for this project is \$400,000, 50% OPWC grant and 50% from the Sanitary Sewer fund. This project will be to repair I&I in sanitary sewer system. In 2017, reconstruction of CR25A from Michaels to Evanston. The estimate for this project is \$3,050,000. \$2,440,000 will be an STP ODOT Grant, \$400,000 OPWC Grant, and \$210,000 Electric.

Mr. McDermott inquired if \$3,000,000 was a low estimate for the reconstruction project of CR25A from Michaels to Evanston. Mr. Vath replied staff will request an updated cost. However, the majority of the upfront costs are incurred during Phase I.

Mr. Vath also informed Council there is an interest and request by the Meijer Corporation to widen (5<sup>th</sup> lane) CR25A northbound. Mr. Vath stated the State of Ohio will provide a \$550,000 grant toward this project. The remaining \$425,000 will be raised by “friendly” assessments of neighboring property owners. The city will get 100% charged back from property owners. Mr. Vath added Council would need to make a decision on this project as funds will be available July 1, 2014. Mr. Vath added this will help Meijer get a dedicated left turn lane into their facility, will help to open the Leshner Property (55 Acres Zoned Industrial) which will be a positive economic development benefit and will not require the acquisition of property. Council agreed to move forward.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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

**TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**June 2, 2014**

**Council Meeting**

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

Guests signing the register include: Rick Chaney, Mike Stefkovich, Father Marc Sherlock and Mo Eichman. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Reverend Father Marc Sherlock from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church gave the Prayer for Guidance. President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

5/19/14 Study Session

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Pre-Meeting Study Session. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

5/19/14 Council Meeting

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Council Meeting. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards**

There were none.

**Ordinances**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> 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 will appropriate \$657,500 of additional monies needed for the operation of the City due to two mid-year retirements and two resignations which were unanticipated and unbudgeted. The Developer of Cedar Grove posted \$75,000 cash surety for the off-site utilities work, and the unusually cold winter season increased the cost of purchased power.

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

**Resolutions**

Monroe Township Master Sewer Agreement

A resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a Master Sewer Agreement with the Monroe Township Water and Sewer District in order to provide sewer service to areas outside the corporation limits.

City Manager Comments: The Monroe Township Water-Sewer District Board approved the agreement at their May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. The topic was discussed with City Council at their February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Study Session. This agreement is very similar to the previously adopted Master Water Agreement. When the Monroe Township Water-Sewer District wants to add a section residential subdivision to be served, an addendum will be added to the Master Sewer Agreement.

Health Savings Accounts

Mr. Kessler sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 28-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

A resolution authorizing an employer contribution to Employee Health Savings Accounts.

City Manager Comments: This resolution will authorize the Finance Director to make the employer's contribution to participating employees Health Saving Accounts (HSA) at \$3,000 for family coverage and \$1,100 for single coverage for the policy year commencing on September 1, 2014. High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP) save the city and employee's money over the traditional PPO plans. The City, since the inception of the HDHP, the City has contributed some of these savings into the employees HSA accounts on an annual basis. This matter was discussed at the May 19, 2014 Study Session.

Mr. Owen sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 29-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Emergency Conditions –  
Substations #1 & #1A and  
declaring an  
EMERGENCY

A resolution declaring that an emergency condition exists at Substations #1 & #1A and allowing the City Manager to purchase supplies and materials for Electric Substations #1 & #1A without formal bidding, advertising, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

City Manager Comments: This resolution would authorize the City Manager to expend up to \$200,000 on parts and materials to repair Substations #1 (12kv) and #1A (4kv), while waiving any bidding and advertising requirements due the Emergency nature of these repairs. Fortunately, testing was done on the transformers indicate that they are reusable, but many other parts must be replaced due to the flooding that occurred. The Electric Department has located the needed "reclosers," necessary parts, and is in the process of rebuilding the substations. Several of the reclosers were obtained on May 28-29, 2014 to expedite the emergency repairs. This Emergency Resolution requires five affirmative votes to be adopted and would be effective retroactive to May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Hale sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Mr. Kessler seconded. President Gibson stated this is something we need to take care of quickly in response to the storm damage. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 30-14 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

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

There were none.

**Motions**

There were none.

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Vath reviewed the attached PowerPoint regarding the 5/21/2014 Storm Event and provided Council with an update.

Mr. Kessler asked who is responsible for cleaning out Rohrer's Run. Mr. Kessler added he understands at the Rohrer's Run bridge at Hyatt, there is a 10" water main that runs through the culvert not above or below it.

There is a potential for debris to take out a 10" water main. Mr. Vath replied staff will conduct research to see if there are easements on file. Mr. Vath added it becomes problematic to perform maintenance if easements are not on file. Mr. McDermott inquired the number of City vehicles that were totaled due to the storm. Ms. Butera replied, "In the Electric Department, we had five pieces of equipment that were damaged. The adjuster was out from the insurance company and two of the vehicles have been totaled and the remaining three have into the repair shop to see what can be repaired as they were not completely submerged". Ms. Butera continued the largest expense has been for the reclosers that Council approved as emergency legislation earlier in the evening. There are other items that are currently being inventoried to determine if they are salvageable and safe. We anticipate there is a lot of equipment in storage that will need to be scrapped because it will not be safe to be reused in our electric system. President Gibson inquired if any other department sustained that kind of damage. Mr. Vath replied the departments that were hardest hit were the Water/Waste Water lift stations and the Electric Department. Mr. Vath added the entire community took a hit when it affected the roads and the storm sewer system. As far as City facilities and buildings, no those are the two that sustained the most damage. Mayor Hale stated he can assume the City has thousands of dollars incurred in overtime expenses. Mr. Vath agreed adding staff is compiling a list. There is significant overtime in the Police Department. That pay period hasn't hit yet, but we imagine there will be overtime for all of the other crews. Mayor Hale asked if this were "a hit that we take" or if it could be added to the insurance losses total. Finance Director Green stated insurance will cover property losses, not overtime costs. President Gibson inquired if there were any emergency FEMA funding that Tipp City would qualify for. Mr. Vath replied there is a potential and the City will need to check with the Miami County EMA Director. However, there is the potential that there will be some federal funds that will be available for governmental expenses. Mr. Vath continued he doesn't believe we are there yet and he is not certain how long it will take to get there, but there is the potential.

**Citizen Comments on Items  
not on the Agenda**

Mo Eichman of 147 Kiser Drive approached the podium and thanked Council for his recent appointment on the Planning Board.

**Councilmember  
Comments**

Ms. Gillis thanked City staff for their dedication they showed during the storm. Ms. Gillis added she is so sorry for the citizens who had water in their basements. Being 1,000 year storm could not be prevented. Ms. Gillis also congratulated the recent Tippecanoe High School graduates and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Mr. Owen also thanked City staff and first responders. Mr. Owen also commented on the generous nature of neighbor's helping neighbor's. Mr. Owen appreciated the City's efforts on reporting storm updates on social media. Mr. Owen also congratulated the recent graduates.

Ms. Berbach also thanked City staff. Ms. Berbach informed everyone if they are interested in signing up for Tipp City soccer to send her an email for sign-up information. Ms. Berbach also reminded everyone about the Guns and Ribbons Event on June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a breast cancer awareness event in the memory of Belinda Pruitt.

Mr. Kessler also thanked everyone for all of their efforts during the storm. It was greatly appreciated.

Mr. McDermott also thanked City staff for their hard work. Mr. McDermott added in this type of rain event, and this type of tragedy for Tipp City, we got to see some of the best of our residents. We saw them pitching in helping to bail out their neighbors basements. Mr. McDermott added it is great to live in a town where residents are highly effected in their own homes to have an entire community of people to come and help them. Mr. McDermott added also on June 14<sup>th</sup> is Canal Music Fest at City Park. This event is hosted by the Tipp City Arts Council and will feature an Eagle's Tribute band.

Mayor Hale stated it is times like this when we realize how lucky we are to live in the community that we do. We are a small community of 10,000 but we are also a small community of people who are willing to help each other in a situation like this. I have a lot of empathy for the residents who this storm greatly affected. Mayor Hale also thanked Waste Management for their countless hours of picking up trash throughout the community. Mayor Hale also thanked Mr. Vath for work in "controlling the madness" and to get things back under control as quickly as possible. Mayor Hale also thanked Mr. Vath for quickly calling Miami County EPA to review the situation and getting that process started. Hopefully that will lead to grants that can help the residents.

President Gibson also expressed appreciation to the City Manager and his staff and all of the Department Heads that worked very hard during this crisis. President Gibson agreed, stating the sense of community expressed during and after the event as well as the City workers who tirelessly restored power and to protect our assets. President Gibson added tonight Council acted quickly to ensure equipment is purchased to ensure our electrical system is secure and to ensure that the businesses and residences continue to have power. President Gibson congratulated Mr. Eichman on his appointment to the Planning Board adding he looks forward to working with him. Coming up is the Canal Music Fest on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Soon after will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be holding their block party on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. President Gibson reminded everyone these proceedings have been recorded and will be rebroadcast on the local cable access station. In this area it is Channel 5 of the Time Warner lineup. You can also log onto your computer at [www.kittv.org](http://www.kittv.org)

**City Manager  
Comments**

Mr. Vath thanked Council for their kind comments. Mr. Vath added he cannot take credit, it is all of the employees who deserve the credit. We have a fantastic staff and those are the folks who deserve the credit.

Mr. Vath also informed everyone about the following two road closures. Currently Tipp-Elizabeth Road is closed from the river to SR 202. Miami County is replacing culverts. This will be closed from June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>. The City will also have a closure on June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup> on Westedge Avenue between Hyatt and N. Tippecanoe. Also on June 14<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of the season for the Tipp City Marketplace. Hours are 9:00 am – noon and runs through September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Vath added he appreciates all of the employees and feels bad for all of the residents who were negatively affected. Our hearts go out to them. This was a negative time for all concerned.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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

