

TIPP CITY WORK SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

November 16, 2015

Work Session

The work session began at 6:45 pm. The following Council members were present: President Joe Gibson, Katie Berbach, Dee Gillis, John Kessler, Mike McDermott, and Matt Owen. Also attending was City Manager Tim Eggleston, Assistant City Manager/Community and Economic Development Director Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Law Director David Caldwell, Director of Municipal Services and Engineering John Donnelly, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, and Administrative Secretary Kelly Rowlands. Reporter Nancy Bowman was also in attendance.

**Water Tower #1
Demolition**

City Manager Eggleston provided Council with background information regarding Water Tower #1.

Mr. Eggleston stated, earlier this year, the City paid \$1,500.00 to have Water Tower #1 inspected. The decision needs to be made as to if we chose to rehab the tower or completely tear it down. When Tower #3 was built, it was assumed that Tower #1 would be razed. The City will lose 350,000 gallons of storage if the tower is demolished. Rehabbing the tower will cost \$515,000.00. There is a possibility of using Gov Deals to sell the tower. Essentially, a bidder would buy the tower for scrap, but would be responsible for taking the tower down themselves.

Mr. Eggleston offered pros and cons for both options and asked for Council input. Mr. Kessler stated that even if the tower is rehabbed, it will still be old. Mr. McDermott agreed and said that keeping it would mean having more equipment to maintain. Discussion moved to what would happen to the space if the tower is demolished. President Gibson suggested keeping the space empty and creating a green space. Mr. Kessler mentioned that there is already a park just to the north of this area. It is close to Walnut and Plum. There is even playground equipment on this land. Mr. Vath confirmed the area Mr. Kessler was referring to is not an official Tipp City Park. The property most likely belong to the Borchers. President Gibson suggested the site become a garage or service center for the City.

Mr. Eggleston stated Tower #1 is the only tower on the low side of our water system. Currently, the SCADA system which monitors high flow is mounted on the tower. If the tower is torn down, the SCADA system will need to be relocated. The system could be moved to Tower #3 or to a City-owned storage facility behind Hinders.

Leshar Woods Bikeway

Mr. Vath provided Council with information regarding the Leshar Woods Bike path. Currently, a design engineer has been hired, the project has been designed, and the bidding process is ready to begin. However, Council has expressed the desire to add lighting (possibly using the old downtown streetlights) to this path. Mr. Vath asked for feedback regarding the issue. The estimated cost in 2012 was \$187,500.00. Eighty percent of that cost (\$149,800.00) would be covered by an ODNR Recreational Trails Program grant, the remaining twenty percent (\$37,450.00) would be paid by the City. The current estimate is now \$190,810.00, which does not include lighting. If lighting is added, an additional \$55,000.00 needs to be added to the cost.

Making the current total \$245,810.00. Typically, ten percent is added to a project cost to account for overages. Mr. Vath added the total provided does not include overages.

The existing PO for the project is currently \$90,000.00 short. Staff is leaning towards a re-appropriation ordinance to cover the additional cost. That ordinance could be added to the December 7th agenda. Another option would be to transfer the money from the General Fund. Due to the Indiana Bat requirements, tree clearing MUST be completed by April 1st, 2016. In order to meet this deadline, the project must go to bid during the winter of 2015-2016. Construction would then begin in the spring/summer of 2016. Mr. Vath added, project costs could be lower if the old downtown streetlights are re-used. Anticipated costs could be around \$20,000.00. Ms. Gillis commented the lights would be good for when people use the path in the evenings. The bike path would allow kids to walk to and from school. Many mornings and late afternoons are darker during the school year. Mr. Kessler inquired if the addition of security cameras could be installed to help deter danger. The lights were added later because of safety concerns. Initial discussions regarding the bikeway did not include lights.

Mr. Green clarified the money would be transferred from the General Fund and not the Capital Improvement Plan funds. Mr. Green re-iterated staff is considering the re-appropriations as the best option adding it is ultimately the decision of Council. City Manager Eggleston offered in-house labor could be used to complete the project, but that is hard to count on when there is other work that requires their attention.

Website Discussion

President Gibson wished to discuss recent changes that have been made to the City's website. The site appears to be different than it has in the past and he would like to know when the modifications were made.

Mr. Vath explained approximately 2 years ago the website was getting hacked and at times cheap Northface jackets were visible on the site. At that time there was no support or host. Shortly thereafter, Atomic Interactive, a local company in Moraine, was selected to help design and provide support to the site. The cost, which the City attempted to keep low, was less than \$20,000.00. Additionally as part of reduced costs, the decision was made to reduce the number of pages and only keep the most logical information. President Gibson was concerned that City Council Meeting Minutes only goes back 2 years and inquired if there were a limit that needed to be available. Mr. Vath stated the goal was to minimize storage. If an individual wanted older information they could contact Clerk of Council, Janice Bates. President Gibson continued by stating he felt more information was needed on the site. He would like at least 5 years of information to appear. Ms. Gillis and Ms. Berbach both expressed confusion when trying to find City Council members names, Meeting Minutes, and Agendas.

Mr. Kessler agreed that the site is difficult to navigate, but stated "it is a walk in the park" compared to the State of Ohio's website. Adding, he also believes that 3-4 years of material should be available on the website. Anything older could be archived. It is probably not necessary to have 15 years on the site. It is quicker and easier to get information from the City offices. President Gibson disagreed that getting information from the office is quicker

and easier. He believes it is more convenient to be able to access the information from the website at home. Mr. McDermott stated he believes 5-8 years' worth of information would be fine, anything more could lead to the site potentially being hacked. Continued maintenance and updates will help in the prevention of future hacking. Mr. Owen added in the past it seemed like everything was on the site. Mr. McDermott commented it was probably a cost decision to limit the amount of information on the site.

President Gibson requested City staff to further investigate the costs associated to increase content and make improvements to the site. Adding, photos need to be updated and should feature local people rather than just stock images. Mr. Vath explained that pictures need to be high quality and contain a certain number of pixels. President Gibson still felt that the pictures could be better and need to be as local as possible. Adding, the photo of the City Council members is very small and should be enlarged. President Gibson also commented about providing links to other community organizations such as Community Services asking why some were included while other are not. Mr. Vath stated the City had to make the decision to regarding which and how many links to other community organizations were included. Adding, if there weren't a policy, every private business or organization could potentially want to be included.

President Gibson concluded by asking Council members to provide suggestions to staff, and when the current contract is up, the City can look at making changes. Mr. McDermott stated the website should be functional and basic. Mr. Vath asked Council members to make a list of changes they would like incorporated into the website. Mr. Vath added, some suggested changes might be able to be completed in-house while others might need to be completed by the web host and have a cost associated with them. Mr. McDermott added that the website needs to be ADA compliant or the City could be in trouble.

Mr. Eggleston stated the issue will be addressed again in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Adjournment

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Meeting

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

November 16, 2015

The following Council Members answered roll call. President Joe Gibson, Katie Berbach, Dee Gillis, John Kessler, Mike McDermott and Matt Owen.

President Gibson moved to excuse Mayor Hale. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

City Staff in attendance include: City Manager Tim Eggleston, Law Director David Caldwell, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Director of Municipal Services & Engineering John Donnelly, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Administrative Secretary Kelly Rowlands.

Guests signing the register include: Thomas Chaney, Vonda Alberson and Rev. Gary Boggs. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Gary Boggs from First Baptist Church gave the Prayer for Guidance. President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Gillis moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes

11/2/15 Pre Meeting Work Session

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Pre-Meeting Work Session. Mr. McDermott seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

11/2/15 Council Meeting

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Council Meeting. Ms. Gillis seconded. President Gibson moved to amend the minutes on page 10 3rd paragraph, in Council Member Comments "Starting with President Gibson.... "I can't thank you enough. "To tell you how instrumental he was on the drafting of the legislation..." to amend to; "I can't thank you enough, I want to tell you how instrumental he was". President Gibson also requested to correct the typo on page 10 from persuing to pursuing. Mr. Owen seconded. A vote was taken on amending the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. A vote was taken on the amended minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards

There were none.

Ordinances (2nd Reading)

Law Director Compensation

An ordinance amending Section 34.04 of the Tipp City Code of Ordinances relating to the compensation of the Director of Law.

City Manager Comments: Mr. Caldwell has served the City for four years and has received cost of living increases, but no merit pay. During my time here, Mr. Caldwell's counseled and work has been invaluable to the City in

Modifying Code Section
154.05 (C)(3)(a) and (b)

keeping the City out of litigation. I would recommend the Council approve the ordinance as presented.

President Gibson introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. President Gibson thanked Mr. Caldwell for all of his work adding it is a pleasure working with him. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 44-15 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

An ordinance modifying Code Section 154.05 (C)(3)(a) and (b) regarding the boundaries of the Old Tippecanoe City Restoration and Architectural Overlay District.

City Manager Comments: Tipp City established a Restoration District for the purpose of protecting its heritage by preserving and maintain this architectural history so future generations may understand and enjoy the beauty of these buildings.

Staff as well as the Planning Board and Restoration Board have reviewed the request and believe granting the request of the owner at 10 W. Walnut Street would be contrary to the guiding principles that they are charged with protecting. It is the recommendation of staff this request be denied. Passage would require a 2/3 vote.

Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Mr. Kessler stated "I do not have a problem letting the gentleman doing it. I've spoken with a couple of people with the original set-up of the Restoration Board, and as I understand it, he feels as though he is being prohibitive from doing some things to his house. The scope of the materials that is out there today, with some of the composite materials, are much cheaper than trying to maintain an original painting every 5, 8 or 10 years. I know this person also signed something about being in the Restoration District when they originally bought the house. He does own it and if he chooses to change something, he should have that right as a home owner and I don't have a problem with his request". President Gibson stated "City staff indicated that might lead to other people wanting to get out of the district as well or having an oddly shaped set of boundaries and there might be problems associated with that. One neighbor might be subject to rules and the next door neighbor isn't. Do you see that is a potential issue"? Mr. Kessler replied, "Personally, no. As a homeowner, I don't like being dictated to. If I have to paint my house every 10 years for \$8,000, \$12,000, \$15,000 when I could side it once for 50 years at \$20,000, I'm going to side my house instead of paying \$40,000 for the same \$50,000 or more as the price goes up. It's homeownership, and I understand part of the Restoration Board and their guidelines, but when talking to some of the people that were initially setting up of the Restoration District, one gentleman I talked to didn't have an issue with some siding because some materials that is used today, you can't tell, that it is not original siding or to the building. Materials used today are realistic and I have a problem with that I can't use vinyl windows and must use wood when I know vinyl is a lot more efficient. It is cheaper with less maintenance costs long term. There are probably other people who want to and have and never decided to approach Council or anyone about it and there are probably others that would leave it if they wanted to. Again, I don't have a problem with the gentleman's request".

Mr. Owen stated, "Rather than reviewing this on a case-by-case basis, would it make sense for us to review our current code and open it up to a different options in the future for everyone to take advantage of rather than just every time somebody has a problem or issue with that they are going to do maintenance wise or updates, is brought before the Planning Board or Historical District and comes all the way to Council and we've got to make a decision on it. Would it be better for us to review all of the code in particular and then make a decision on maybe modifying it, maybe adding a few more materials that they can possibly use in the future? I think that might be a more general view of the future rather than on a case-by-case basis". Mr. Kessler added, "I think they've done some of that, Matt already, the Restoration Board has been historically, non-discretionary in the way they have applied their rules, and they were directed by Council about 2 or 3 years ago to clean it up. Because why am I letting him have a vinyl fence but not you? They must follow their guidelines a couple years ago and clean it up. It was kind of like our code, there was a few conflicting things here and there. In essence, I think it has been done, it could probably be tweaked more, I don't know. But, I do know they did go through and did take care of a lot of problems with it. But you are still going to come up with the case-to-case basis because it is an economic part. Certain homes have different upkeep". Mr. Owen stated he is concerned that "If we open up a can of worms, by approving one person, while leaving the code the same for everybody else, I think that's what I'm getting at. I totally agree with you, technology has changed, there are new materials that are probably better and look like they are the material that was used maybe 80, 90, 100 years ago. I think that is where I am going with my discussion here. I'm worried about "allowing" one individual to make a change and everybody else has got to stay the same and if they want to make a change, they've got to come up here to Council to get approval on it. Is that what we really want to do"? Mr. Kessler stated, "The only thing that you can do, is just to eliminate the Restoration District. There might be three or four residents who would like out, or he might be the only one. It is hard to say". President Gibson commented both gentlemen make a good point. "I am very big on property rights. I think you should be able to paint your house whatever color you want to paint it, it's your property. You should do whatever you wish with it as long as it's, of course, within reason. And what is that? Does that then flow to historic districts being created? I do know we have a lot of charm in our downtown. I think that is due in large part to the regulations and strict application on a lot of our rules. On the other hand, we have a lot of complaints as well about that very issue. Whether it's "I want to put vinyl shutters on my house rather than wood like back in the 1840's. Wood is going to cost me 3x as much and as a homeowner, I simply cannot afford that". Should you not ever move into a historical district because of that? At the same time, as Mr. Owen says, do we now cause as staff has said a "saw-toothed" district. Where one house is in and the next door neighbor's house is not. One gets the benefit of that and one doesn't simply by them coming to Council for us to make those exceptions. If we make so many exceptions to the rule, there is no point to it. It's a tough call. I feel for the resident, the property owner on this, but at the same time, staff has reported that there has never been a denial of this gentleman's request in the past. This is just something, as he presented at the Study Session at the last meeting, that he doesn't want to have to worry about coming to the City every time he wants to do something on his property. As understandable as that is, there isn't any kind of compelling cost prohibitive or huge project that he has going on right now. Not too long ago, we had a fella

that had some damage to his house and he had to get some new shutters, and he was spending money and there was a project and it was time consuming issue on that and he requested relief because of that cost. The applicant, here, I do not think, has any project currently going on. He just wants out. Is it our function to do that, or is it the function of Council to change the law?" President Gibson made reference to the City of Troy making provisions, just not the elimination of the board itself. Adding in review of the Land Use Code, there wasn't a whole lot of discussion and maybe something is due. "It is a tough call and I've thought about this a lot. Quite frankly, I was hoping the applicant or some citizens would be here to give us some more information. I know the staff gave a lot of information at the last meeting.

President Gibson opened the meeting to public comment and declared a public hearing in which case any comments from the public would have to be in the form of sworn testimony. "If anyone wishes to make a presentation, or say anything on this issue, please feel free to come up, speak clearly in the microphone, give us your name and address for the record and be prepared to submit to an oath for the testimony to be sworn". There were no public comments on this issue. President Gibson inquired if the staff had received any information from the applicant for Council to review for purposes of the public hearing. President Gibson stated "Staff has indicated no. There has not been additional materials and there was nothing in Council's materials". President Gibson closed the public hearing since no one wished to come forward. Ms. Gillis stated she is going to vote no on this issue. Adding, "I would like to see it looked at and really gone over with help by the City Manager and the Law Director just to make sure to open it up just a little bit so that people can....if there is stuff out there that looks exactly like what they had back in the day, why shouldn't that be able to be used? I don't live in that area, and you should get input from people who do live in that area. I agree with Mr. Owen, and I would like to see that done". President Gibson re-iterated for clarification that a yes vote would allow the homeowner to be excluded from this district and requires a 2/3 vote, which is 5 votes. Mr. Caldwell stated it is not 2/3's of those present, it is 2/3 of Council as a whole, so 5 is the required vote for passage. Mr. Caldwell also confirmed that Mr. Land has requested a removal and a vote "for" or "yes" for the ordinance is to remove the property from the district and a "no" is to decline Mr. Land's request.

A vote was taken on the motion. Mr. Kessler voted yes. Mr. McDermott, Mr. Owen, President Gibson, Ms. Berbach and Ms. Gillis voted no. President Gibson stated, "Seeing the vote in the negative, the application has been denied. And the determinations of the previous boards stand". Mr. Caldwell stated that is correct. President Gibson added the applicant will not be excluded from the district at this time.

President Gibson noted procedurally Ordinance C, is next and is companion legislation to amend the Zoning Code.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Code and the map attached thereto by changing the zoning of the western half of Inlot 44 located at 10 West Walnut Street from Community Center/Restoration District (CC/RA) to Community Center (CC) Zoning Classification.

This was introduced by Mayor Hale at the previous meeting.

Amending the Zoning
Code Map

City Manager Comments: Based upon recommendation above, staff is recommending the request be the owner of 10 West Walnut Street be denied also.

President Gibson inquired of Mr. Caldwell if a vote need to be cast at this time. Mr. Caldwell stated this action becomes moot and having been introduced by Mr. Hale, it would require a re-introduction tonight and if it were not re-introduced, it was a "never-was". President Gibson asked if someone would like to re-introduce the ordinance. Mr. Kessler introduced the measure for discussion and vote.

Brad Vath approached the podium to provide clarification on the matter. "This particular inlot has two structures on it. One on the eastern half and one on the western half. This particular property, 10 West Walnut, sits on the western half. The rezoning ordinance removes the western half of this particular inlot which has a separate legal description and a separate deed from the Restoration District". Mr. Kessler inquired if it is residential on both halves. Mr. Vath replied he believed so. President Gibson states he knows it is a "never was", but "Is this similar to a budgetary set of legislation where you have the budget and the appropriations. There is always two votes. Would a no vote on this, make things "nice and clean"? Without the applicant having to worry about an appeal, or anything like that? Or a complete public hearing and legislative action. I want to make sure this is a closed issue either way and a no vote would do that to allow the applicant, if he so chooses, to pursue it further". Mr. Caldwell stated he agreed. "It gives finality to the issue. There would be no need for the person to have to re-introduce the ordinance. He would have a vote one way or the other. Or anybody can take it to another level for an administrative appeal".

President Gibson offered anyone from the audience to come forward and speak on the issue. President Gibson stated no one came forward to speak on the issue, requested closing comments from Council members. Mr. Kessler stated he will be supporting this issue to remain consistent with the previous ordinance. A vote was taken on the motion. A vote was taken on the motion. Mr. Kessler voted yes. Mr. McDermott, Mr. Owen, President Gibson, Ms. Berbach and Ms. Gillis voted no. President Gibson stated, this is a 5 to 1 vote and the ordinance has failed.

Amending Chapter 37
Exhibit B

An ordinance amending Chapter 37 Exhibit "B" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Tipp City establishing pay and benefit schedules for Emergency Medical Services Personnel.

City Manager Comments: Because of pager pay at its current form equates into hours worked, the employees cannot work another 12 hour shift during the week or they would be over the 30 hour limit which would require the City to offer employee healthcare coverage. This is in response to the Affordable Healthcare Act. The purpose of the pager pay was to have personnel available if needed to keep the costs down. When Chief Senseman was here, he worked with staff to keep the proposal as equitable as possible. Staff is recommending passage of the ordinance as written.

Ms. Berbach introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 45-15 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Enacting Code Section
39.60

An ordinance to enact Chapter 39.60 of the Tipp City Codified Ordinances of the City of Tipp City regarding Municipal Income Tax.

City Manager Comments: The City is required to update its Income Tax Code to comply with state law or be penalized otherwise. The changes have to be in place and in effect for the 2016 tax season. Staff is requesting the ordinance be adopted as written. Should any businesses or residents have any questions, I recommend they come in and talk to our Finance Director.

Ms. Gillis introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 46-15 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Repealing and Amending
Section 31.10 through
31.37

An ordinance repealing and amending sections 31.10 through 31.37 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Tipp City concerning the Rules of City Council.

City Manager Comments: Council President Gibson presented suggestions to changes to Council Rules which are out of date to the Ohio Revised Code or the City Charter. The ordinance would provide clarity in procedures and streamline the process for adopting legislation. It is recommended Council approve the legislation as written.

President Gibson introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. President Gibson stated Council has been provided 2 versions, one with the red-line, strike through that has the old language and what is being replaced and what is being introduced in red ink and the things being eliminated are struck through. The second version "Is what it is going to look like in the law book once it is adopted and sent to the company that does our codified ordinances". President Gibson once again thanked the Law Director for his time on this. "It was a lot of time and effort and I think this is going to make things easier. It is being enacted tonight so that it will be effective in time for the new Council when they are seated. I think this will make it easier for both current members and anyone new who comes on board". President Gibson also thanked Council for allowing him the opportunity in addressing this matter. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance 47-15 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Resolutions
Compass Point Planning,
LLC Contract

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Compass Point Planning, LLC for Consulting Services.

City Manager Comments: Staff went through the interview process and the three firms that were interviewed Compass Point Planning, LLC was selected to be able to meet our needs in completing the project in a timely manner. Staff is asking the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. McDermott sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution 49-15 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Ordinances
(1st Reading)

An ordinance adopting the 2016 annual budget for the City of Tipp City, Ohio.

Adopting the 2016 Annual Budget

City Manager Comments: The Budget was presented at an October Work session the operating budget is a plan that lays out how the revenues are to be extended. Council may, if they so wish, to add or delete programs, or increase or decrease any amounts at this time. Staff is asking this be introduced for its first reading tonight.

Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance.

2016 Appropriations

An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Municipality of Tipp City, Ohio during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016.

City Manager Comments: This is companion ordinance to the last ordinance. This authorizes expenditures outlines in the budget for 2016. Staff is asking the ordinance be introduced for its first reading.

Ms. Gillis introduced the ordinance.

Chapter 32 Amendments

An ordinance amending Chapter 32 – Executive Authority, Sections 32.01 and 32.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Tipp City.

City Manager Comments: This ordinance was added by administration to update the ordinance to Chapter 32. The City Manager does not pay the bonds that is required of the City, and it updates the title of the City Manager’s Secretary to be Executive Secretary to be in compliance with Chapter 37. It also added the Executive Secretary may serve as Clerk of Council if the Council so decide and be compensated as allowed by ordinance and other duties as defined by Chapter 31, Legislative Authority. Section 31.18, Duties of the Clerk.

Ms. Berbach introduced the ordinance.

Motions

There were none.

Miscellaneous

There were none.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

Councilmember Comments

Ms. Gillis wanted to remind the City Manager about looking into the Code regarding the historic district and to no let it go by the way side after the decision was made tonight. Ms. Gillis thanked Kelly for her assistance this evening. Ms. Gillis also requested prayers for the people of Paris and wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.

Mr. Owen “piggybacked” off Ms. Gillis’ mentioning of the ISIS attacks on the City of Paris. The French people are in our thoughts and prayers. It is an extreme situation going on over there in Europe and I want to let them know that we are thinking and praying for them. Mr. Owen reminded everyone the kick off for the holiday season in Tipp City with the Winter’s Yuletide Gathering. We ask that you shop local and stay local to support our local shops and eateries throughout the season. The 2015 Christmas Home Tour is Saturday

December 5th. There is a lot of time and energy that goes into that particular event. Please support that event. It is a great time.

Ms. Berbach wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Berbach encouraged everyone to make donations to the Needy Basket. Remember why you are thankful and remember our troops. Ms. Berbach asked when 25A is to be open. Mr. Donnelly stated it will be open August 2016. There will be no two way traffic.

Mr. Kessler stated we passed an ordinance tonight that was forced upon the City. This is a small erosion of home rule. That is the income tax ordinance to comply with the state. If we didn't comply with the states ruling, we couldn't have collected any money which would have destroyed us. "Pay attention when Columbus starts making rules and takes away the power that we have to govern ourselves. WE know best what to do that they don't. I just find it disgusting that we got held and the state has taken that right away from us. We know what is right to do for organization and our City. Mr. Kessler stated he will be feeding some of the families that are less fortunate at the Legion this Thanksgiving. Mr. Kessler wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. McDermott reiterated and echoed some of the concern and thoughts and the prayers to those that have lost loved ones overseas due to some of the acts of terrorists. Mr. McDermott encouraged Council to ensure that the City is taking steps to practice good emergency management techniques and tactics for any issues that may arise.

President Gibson reminded everyone Council will be entering Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting.

President Gibson stated since Council's last meeting, some big changes have taken place. "Congratulations are in order to our newly elected City Council Members. First and foremost congratulations to John Kessler for being re-elected to a third term, congratulations. We also wish to congratulate Ms. Carrie Arblaster who has been elected to her first term and Mr. Tom Merritt who has also been elected to his first term. They will be taking office the first of January. With the formal meeting, January 4th. Congratulations to them, best of luck and we look forward to working with all of you and continue to work with you Mr. Kessler. This now begs me to address the two outgoing Council Members. Those two names that you hear are replacing Ms. Gillis who is leaving Council at the end of the year and Mr. McDermott who is also leaving Council. I know we need to reserve comments for that at the appropriate time, but I wanted to thank you two as well for your service and best of luck to you in your future endeavors. It has been a pleasure to work with you and to serve with both of you on Council.

"As mentioned previously in the meeting tonight, the budget has been introduced for the first time. The 2016 Operating Budget. It is available online as proposed. If there are any issues or questions the public has, please feel free to contact a staff member in the finance area or a Council member, or the City Manager's Office. That is subject to revision at the second reading which will be at our next meeting which will be our first Monday in December. If you have any questions or comments about that, please feel free. As to Mr.

Kessler's comment on the tax issue with the state, I couldn't agree more. It is very unfortunate. It is a compulsory act that we have to do imposed on us by the state of Ohio. I believe we even issued a Resolution against such action during previous legislative sessions. Unfortunately it was to no avail and the state legislature acted the way they acted. I complement Mr. Kessler on his comments and I couldn't agree with him more". President Gibson also thanked Ms. Rowlands for filling in for the Clerk duties. President Gibson also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. "I am very thankful for everything I have including this job and working with these people up here and with the staff. It has been a privilege regardless. Thank you everyone for all of the work that you have done. Finally, I would like to remind everyone that these proceedings have been recorded and will be rebroadcast over the next two weeks on the local cable access station. In this area it is channel 5 of the Time Warner cable lineup. If you don't receive cable from Time Warner and wish to obtain information about this body or Monroe Township or Tipp City Schools, you can download meetings and other related items via video by logging onto kittv.org".

**City Manager
Comments**

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone the Electric Utility Center Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, December 19th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This will include a public open house so our residents can see the new building.

The Downtown holiday lighting has been installed and is looking great. The evergreen on Broad Street will be lit up. Thank you to the City crews for getting this work done.

Mr. Eggleston reminded everyone City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving and opening again on Friday. Please take time out of your day to be reflective of those things which you are thankful for.

Mr. Eggleston reminded everyone November 30th is the Tri-Agency Meeting hosted by Monroe Township. Additionally at the December 7th work session CT Consultants will be going over the Weller Drive Traffic Study and the City will begin the Phase II Study.

Adjournment

President Gibson informed everyone Council would not be adjourning at this time, but would be entering Executive Session for the purposes of Purchase or Sale of Property and Personnel – to consider the compensation of public employees or officials to include all six members of Council present, City Manager Eggleston and Assistant City Manager Vath.

Mr. McDermott moved to enter Executive Session after a 5 minute recess. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting ended at 8:16 pm. Council entered Executive Session at 8:26 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:54 pm. Ms. Berbach moved to return from Executive Session. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Owen moved to adjourn. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council



