

**TIPP CITY WORK SESSION**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**April 4, 2016**

**Work Session**

The work session began at 6:45 pm. The following Council members were present: President Joe Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Carrie Arblaster, Katie Berbach, John Kessler, Tom Merritt and Matt Owen. Also attending was City Manager Tim Eggleston, Finance Director John Green, Director of Municipal Services and Engineering John Donnelly, Law Director David Caldwell, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, EMS Chief Jeff Calicoat and Clerk of Council Janice Bates. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Others in attendance include Mike McDermott, Chris Dakin, Kent Bryan and Jay Corros.

Weller Drive Traffic Study

Jay Corros of CT Consultants reviewed an animated video of the traffic study on Weller Drive. Mr. Corros stated traffic moves along Main Street really well and if additional development comes North of Menards a new traffic study can be performed at that time. Based on today's traffic patterns and volume, removing the bump on Weller Drive is not a problem. President Gibson inquired if the bump were removed what the City's options are. Mr. Corros replied if the land that is currently North of LaQuinta were developed, entry would be from South bound and Harmony Drive only and we would incorporate additional signage. Mr. Corros added it is difficult to make many predictions, since we do not know the type of development that will be coming to that area. President Gibson commented that some development is prohibited because of the street being one way. Ms. Berbach inquired if lights or signage could be installed to indicate a backup on Weller to Main. President Gibson asked if anyone has spoken with Wendy's or Arby's about this proposed change. Mr. Eggleston stated the businesses have not been contacted. Chris Dakin asked how much business is lost with the elimination of two way. President Gibson stated "True. We don't know". Mr. Merritt inquired if there were a sense of urgency on the matter. President Gibson stated this has been topic of conversation since Mr. McDermott was on Council. Mayor Hale stated if further development were to occur, traffic can be directed down Kinna Drive. Mr. Owen stated "We've been looking at Saturday traffic loads and if this is the worst....I don't want to base this on one day for four hours. This does not change my opinion. This one way needs to be changed". President Gibson stated, "I believe there is enough information and "relief valves" to move forward". Council agreed to move forward with making Weller Drive two way.

EMS Community Outreach

EMS Chief Calicoat provided Council with several Community Outreach projects the EMS Department is currently actively participating in. They include Silver Screening, Sleep Safe, Car Seat Safety and Community Paramedicine. Chief Calicoat explained Silver Screening is a community outreach program developed to assist Tipp City's aging population. We will perform medical screenings to include blood pressure checks, pulse and respirations. Currently Liberty Commons is our Beta program. There are 32 residents in the preliminary program. This program is proactive to determine if medication changes or visits to their physicians are necessary. Chief Calicoat continued the Sleep Safe program is to teach new parents and grandparents the ABC's of safe sleep: Alone, on Back and in Crib. Tipp City EMS is developing a

partnership with Children’s Medical Center to present the Sleep Safe program. The program will begin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter at the Westside Station. This program will be offered on a quarterly basis. The third program is the Car Seat Checkup/Installation Program. This program will assist residents of Tipp City with car seat installation and verification of installation. Chief Calicoat informed Council 3 out of 4 car seats are not installed properly. This program will be in effect the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Chief Calicoat informed Council the last area is known as Community Paramedicine. The Community Paramedic Program closes the gap by expanding the role of EMS personnel. The Community Paramedic Program adapts to the specific needs and resources of each community. It will succeed through the combined efforts of those that have a stake in maintaining the health and well-being of its residents. Adding many EMS Departments around the nation are moving to this form of treatment. President Gibson asked about home health aides currently performing these functions and does the City have any liabilities. Chief Calicoat stated paramedicine is growing and we are being careful in this process taking gradual steps. Adding, we will look at every step and its legal point and prospective. However, this is how medicine and wellness is moving in the future. Mr. Eggleston stated this isn’t something we will just jump into. It is a mechanism we can use to check in on the elderly and shut-ins. Mr. Eggleston added we wanted to give Council a sense of the EMS Department and show there is an initiative within the department to get out in the community. Council thanked Chief Calicoat for his presentation.

Strategic Plan Follow-Up

Mr. Eggleston postponed the Strategic Plan Follow-Up discussion to the April 18<sup>th</sup> Study Session. The back-up materials were not included in Council’s materials for this meeting.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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

**TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Council Meeting**

The following Council Members answered roll call. President Joe Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Carrie Arblaster, Katie Berbach, John Kessler Tom Merritt and Matt Owen.

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 and Engineering John Donnelly, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, EMS Chief Jeff Calicoat and Clerk of Council Janice Bates.

Guests signing the register include: Thomas Chaney, Dan Glover and Heather Dorsten

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Arblaster seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

3/21/16 Joint Council/  
Planning Board Meeting

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Joint meeting with the Planning Board. Ms. Arblaster seconded. Motion carried.

3/21/16 Council Meeting

Mr. Owen moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Council Meeting. Mayor Hale seconded. Motion carried.

**Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards**

Heather Dorsten provided Council with the quarterly update about the Downtown Tipp City Partnership.

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Autism Awareness Month.

**Ordinances**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

TFAC Special Rates/Fees

An ordinance establishing seasonal and daily pass rates and related usage fees and charges for patrons of the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center.

City Manager's Comments: At the March 21<sup>st</sup> Work session, Staff made a presentation to Council on being able to generate interest in the pool by having special days, or reduced rate days. The current ordinance only allows Council to do that, requiring us to add a section permitting the Manager to have special days to reduce the rates. We ask you approve the ordinance allowing us to do so.

Mr. Owen introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Mr. Merritt seconded. President Gibson added overall, the rates have not increased this year as compared to last, or even the year before. Mr. Eggleston replied that was correct. Adding none of the existing rates have changed; however in June, Staff is preparing a presentation for some discussion regarding rates and some other things we might do. This year all rates will remain the same. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 5-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Resolutions**

Purchase Bucket Truck  
for Electric Department

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase one bucket truck for the Electric Department from Utility Truck Equipment Inc., through the State of Ohio Purchasing Plan at a cost not to exceed \$215,931.00 and declaring personal property owned by the City of Tipp City to be declared surplus property and no longer useful in the general operation of the City.

City Manager’s Comments: This replaces a 2006 International Highranger, declaring it surplus and allowing the Manager to decide how to dispose of that property. At this time it will be on .gov unless we learn from Council otherwise. President Gibson inquired if the purchase price of this vehicle were under budget. Mr. Donnelly informed Council the purchase of this vehicle is in line with the budget and does not exceed the budgeted amount.

Mayor Hale introduced the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 10-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

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

Final Plat/Plat –  
Rosewood Creek Phase 5

An ordinance approving the final plan/plat for Phase 5 of the Rosewood Creek PRD Subdivision.

City Manager’s Comments: At the March 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, Council set the public hearing for April 18<sup>th</sup>. We have received the letter of credit. The second reading of this ordinance does correspond with the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance.

Amending 2016  
Appropriations

An ordinance amending 2016 appropriations and modifying the annual operating budget as a result of this action.

City Manager’s Comments: Doing the Westedge storm sewer upgrades, Staff realized there is a 4” waterline that needs to be replaced. Along with that project, we need to make a budget adjustment to do that work. It makes sense to do it at that time since the road will be torn up at that time.

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. Arblaster hoped everyone had a Happy Easter. Ms. Arblaster also encouraged everyone to take the public safety weather notices seriously as severe weather season approaches and to seek shelter if directed to do so in inclement weather.

Mr. Owen had nothing additional.

Ms. Berbach reminded everyone soccer and baseball seasons have begun. Registration is open for Tipp City SAY Soccer. You can log onto to their website [tippsoccer.org](http://tippsoccer.org). Ms. Berbach cautioned everyone to be extremely careful when in Kyle Park with all of the kids for both soccer and Jr. baseball.

Mr. Merritt stated "I am pleased as a Council that we took a minute this evening to discuss Autism through our proclamation".

Mr. Kessler requested Staff look at the various traffic Codes and Ordinances. There are several old and outdated codes regarding parking regulations. "If we can push forward with that, I would appreciate it".

Mayor Hale stated he was thankful to Mr. Eggleston for bringing the Weller Drive discussion before Council, and I am glad that we have decided to take the direction that we chose to take tonight. It doesn't mean there will not be hurdles that we or future Council's will need to work through as future things develop. Mayor Hale also stated he was thankful the EMS Department made their presentation about ways they are getting more involved within the Community from the Community Outreach standpoint.

President Gibson stated, "I would echo your sentiments on the Weller Drive issue. It is a long time coming and I hope we can leave enough of a paper trail and document the concerns that we had and the basis for us going forward with this change. One of the more common questions that I get is "Why did we ever do this to begin with?" It was long before any of us were on Council and hopefully there are answers out there. Hopefully, years from now, if they ever ask, we will show them what the need was and the issues that were involved. There may be some bumps in the road, if there are issues or concerns that we haven't thought of, I would call on the public to feel free to let us know. Especially any business owners in that area that would see pro or con on that. Also I would echo the Mayor's comments on the EMS Service. We thank you for your public outreach efforts and we look forward to seeing how those develop. There are a lot of big positive steps to take and we wish you well on that. With regard to the Autism proclamation, it's a tough area of medicine, it is still new enough that diagnosis are being made pinpointing a problem, but it is still new enough, that we don't know enough about it to be able to treat it as effectively as some of us would like. Raising public awareness with proclamations such as this and discussions such as this makes it, perhaps a little less scary and perhaps more accepted to where people understand it as people work for its cure. That is one reason I am wearing blue tonight, and I think it is the same reason everybody has blue on tonight. Representing our support for that. We hope we can put an end to that particular problem as well. In addition to the soccer signups we can now confirm that the Tipp-Monroe Swim Team currently has their sign-ups going on now as well. They have a website and FaceBook presence. That is a really good organization. Both of my children were in it. There is a great bunch of people running it, it is always a great time. There is a lot of time to put into it, but it is great exercise for your kids. We have a great facility for that. They are always looking for sponsors as well. Anybody wishing to sponsor, please feel free to do that as well". President Gibson reminded everyone, "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 Time Warner Cable lineup channel 5. You can also log on to [kittv.org](http://kittv.org) and download videos of City Council Meetings, Township Trustee

**City Manager  
Comments**

Meetings, Board of Education as well as other community oriented events by logging onto kittv.org, 24 hours a day. There is also a link from the City's website that you can tap into from there as well".

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone the CR25A project is moving along per the contractor's schedule. Some items are ahead of schedule and others are on track. Please bear with us. Current issues are the rain and the impact it has on the sub-base. Until the sub-base is stable, the intermediate course of asphalt cannot be laid.

The United States Department of Veteran Affairs has selected the Miami Valley as one of the fifty communities to create a "My Veteran Community". The primary mission of a My Veteran Community is to support Veterans, Service Members and other stakeholders. The Greater Miami Valley, My Veteran Community developed a charter that focuses on three primary areas: identify, highlight and advertise resources around the region available to Veterans, transitioning service members and their families. This is to be done by supporting the United Way Vet Link 21 Efforts. Identify and facilitate forums where the service member can learn about each other in order to work together to enhance effectiveness and improve outcomes. This will be done through a large annual event, with the first event being held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at Wright State University Student Union Building.

The 2016 asphalt/sidewalk programs will begin in May. Design for the storage buildings and impound lot/ dry storage building at the City's storage building is in the works and will go out to bid once the plans are completed. The City has signed up for the American Power Association's E Reliability through AMP Ohio at no cost to us. The program allows for the tracking of outage data. This will also help with RP3 designation as reliable public power entity. The program will track which circuits and substations have issues and how often. The number of customers affected, the ultimate problem and how Tipp City compares to other communities our size across the nation.

There is a community planning event scheduled for April 28, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Government Center. There will be an open house on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Government Center for the public to view the planning framework. Look over the recommendations and to provide feedback to the Consultant about the Comprehensive Master Development Plan.

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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



