

TIPP CITY WORK SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

May 16, 2016

Work Session

The work session began at 6:30 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, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Director of Municipal Services and Engineering John Donnelly, Deputy Director of Municipal Services and Engineering Eric Mack, Law Director David Caldwell, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler and Clerk of Council Janice Bates. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Guests include Jason Riehle and Mark Neilson.

AMP Power Supply Updates

Mr. Donnelly provided Council with a brief presentation on the City's current power portfolio. Currently the City participates in coal, hydro, wind and natural gas. Tipp City's participation (10MW) in Prairie State (coal) supplies roughly 30% of the power, which is the largest power source for the City. The City's participation for hydro accounts for roughly 10% of the City's power supply. Wind is the newest energy source for the City receiving 2 MW of power. The City receives 4MW of power from AFEC (natural gas provider) and an additional 1.2 MW for peaking.

Mr. Donnelly informed Council purchasing off the market has been beneficial to the City with competitive rates and lower oil costs. It is important to have a diversified portfolio to mitigate risks. This helps balance long and short term purchases, balance peaking, intermediate and base load resources and to include varied fuel sources.

Mayor Hale inquired the percentage of "green energy". Mr. Donnelly replied approximately 1/3 of our power sources are green. President Gibson inquired if future purchases could be green as well. "The potential could be greater than the 1/3 committed." Mr. Donnelly replied that was correct. Mr. Eggleston informed Council staff has been talking with a vendor and AMP to look into solar options as well. Mayor Hale added, "We are a ways away from that." Ms. Arblaster inquired the plans with coal plants and the new EPA regulations. "How vulnerable are we?" President Gibson inquired, "When can we trend away from coal to other sources like solar and wind?" Mr. Eggleston replied he is looking at perhaps 2MW of solar and offered to have someone from Amp make a presentation at one of the June Study Sessions.

Entrance Signs

Mr. Mack provided Council with a brief history and various designs of entrance signs for the City. Several years ago, America in Bloom was interested in having decorative signs installed for the entrance points throughout the City. This plan didn't move forward. This initiative had a resurgence as part of Council's Strategic Plan for City beautification (entrance ramps and signage). Mr. Mack provided Council with designs ranging from \$7,000 to \$32,000. President Gibson inquired of the status of the Civic/Service oriented signs if new entrance signs are installed. President Gibson suggested the Civic/Service signs be incorporated into the design of the entrance sign. Mr. Kessler stated, this is part of the beautification efforts. "I would keep it separate." Mr. Kessler

asked what the sign code dictates in this situation and if they meet the current code regulations. Mr. Mack replied that he had confirmed the renderings with Mr. Spring, the City's Zoning Administrator, and yes the drawings comply with the Sign Code. Mr. Owen stated, if Council were to keep the Civic sign, a determination will be needed as to which organization goes on the sign and which does not. President Gibson stated if the Civic group signs were to remain, that deserves Council's consideration. President Gibson added, "We need to determine if the Civic/Organization sign meets the sign code or determine if it even warrants City involvement." Mr. Eggleston asked for Council's direction regarding the entrance signs, adding the Civic signs could be looked into at a future meeting. Mr. Kessler suggested Council go with the \$7,000 option. Ms. Berbach stated she believed that \$32,000 should go toward something else...such as the redesign I-75 ramp beautification. President Gibson asked staff to examine at all options, including cheaper materials and possible refurbishing the old Civic signs.

Kyle Park Irrigation

Mr. Mack provided Council with follow-up information and costs for Kyle Park irrigation. Mr. Mack stated there was a bid opening for the design and costs for irrigating Kyle Park on Friday, May 13th. Four bids were received ranging from \$240,000 - \$390,000. Mr. Mack informed Council the only bid that included design work was \$352,724.00. "Each section was bid separately allowing Council to choose which fields to irrigate; to accept or deny all parts." Mr. Kessler stated, "We already subsidize the pool and this will be the same." Mr. Kessler suggested Council look at a renewal levy adding, "We have far more serious issues in the City. We need to address more serious issues that affect people's houses." Mr. Eggleston stated the bid is simply for irrigation and does not include costs for leveling/grading wells. President Gibson stated, a safe estimate for this project could easily climb to \$500,000. "Mr. Kessler's point is well taken. We need to hear from the stakeholders." Jason Riehle, President of the Tipp City Youth Soccer program stated the program currently has over 1,000 kids. "There are many dips in the fields and each season, there are a few injuries. We are willing to help as we can, but we are non-profit. We have considered raising registration fees to earn \$6,000 per year."

Mayor Hale stated he was in favor of the project when the various options were presented and the costs were reasonable. Adding, "I am not spending \$300,000 on irrigation." Mr. Owen suggested staff contact a lawn care professional who is familiar with various grasses to make a presentation on the type of grass that would be best suited for Kyle Park. "Kentucky Bluegrass is currently growing in Kyle Park. Until we change the grasses, the same results will be produced, even with irrigation. The type of grass needs to be changed. If we change the grass, we could change the condition of the fields. I would like to look at other options."

Council came to a consensus to look at other options, including the organizations moving City watering equipment. President Gibson suggested this be completed before the upcoming budget meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

May 16, 2016

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, Finance Director John Green, Director of Municipal Services and Engineering John Donnelly, Deputy Director of Municipal Services and Engineering Eric Mack, 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.

Guests signing the register include: Mark Neilson, Jason Riehle, Brent Collins, Andrew Doviak, Thomas Chaney, Annette Calicoat, Katelyn Weaver, James Weimer, Andrew Vrask, Jacob Ambos, Justyn Eichbaum, Randy Howell, Noah Lingg, Brandon Gotthardt, Officer Dickerson, Officer Harris, Sgt. Creech, Keith Weaver and Eddie Martino.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hale gave the Prayer for Guidance. President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes

5/2/16 Council Work Session

Mr. Owen moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 Work Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

5/2/16 Council Meeting

Mayor Hale moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 Council Meeting. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Police Week. Chief Burris accepted the proclamation. Mayor Hale stated he attended the Miami County Law Enforcement Memorial. "As always, it was a well done ceremony"

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for EMS Weeks. Chief Calicoat accepted the proclamation.

Ordinances (2nd Reading)

Amending 2016 Appropriations

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

City Manager's Comments: This ordinance re-appropriates funds for the CR25A project.

Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 9-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Resolutions Salt Bids

A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-17) for road salt.

City Manager's Comments: This allows us to submit our request to purchase X amount of tons from the ODOT and allows them to negotiate on our behalf. We are asking the resolution be approved. President Gibson inquired of the estimation of the pricing this year. Mr. Eggleston stated it is too early, this allows them to bid on our behalf.

Ms. Berbach introduced the resolution and moved for its adoption. Mayor Hale seconded. Mr. Kessler inquired of the amount of salt remaining from last year. Mr. Donnelly approached the podium and informed Council 400 tons remained from last winter. An additional 200 tons was purchased this spring from last years' winter bid. Mr. Kessler clarified with this resolution we would only need to purchase an additional 200 tons. Mr. Donnelly stated that was correct. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 13-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Alternative Tax Budget

A resolution finding that the Council of the City of Tipp City has reviewed the submissions to be made to the Budget Commission of Miami County, Ohio, and authorized by said commission for the fiscal year 2017 in relation to the Alternative Tax Document format provided in the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281 and approves the same.

City Manager's Comments: At Council's April 18 meeting, a resolution was passed authorizing the Finance Director in preparing the Alternative Tax Budget. This is the final step to passing that document onto the county Budget Commission.

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

**Ordinances
(1st Reading)**

There were none.

Motions

There were none.

Miscellaneous

There were none.

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

There were none.

**Councilmember
Comments**

Mr. Merritt stated he also attended the Miami County Law Enforcement Memorial, and it was a very moving experience. "I was honored and privileged to be part of it." Mr. Merritt thanked the Police and EMS Departments for their service.

Mr. Kessler congratulated the Seniors in attendance. Mr. Kessler also reminded everyone school will be out soon and to drive cautiously throughout the City.

Ms. Arblaster had nothing additional.

Mr. Owen also wished to congratulate the Police and EMS. "You guys are great and it is part of what makes Tipp City great. I am truly honored and privileged to live in a community who has such good essential services, so thank you." Mr. Owen also reminded everyone of the upcoming July 4th celebration. There will be food, vendors and entertainment. Entertainment will be from local band Beastly and 80's cover band Stranger will also be performing. "There is no need to go anywhere else, you can right here in Tipp City!"

Ms. Berbach also congratulated thanked the Police and EMS Departments for their service. Ms. Berbach announced she and her husband are expecting their second son later this year. Mr. Berbach reminded everyone the Belinda Prewitt Memorial Ride will be taking place on Sunday, June 5th. Registration begins at 9:00 am. It is a 100 mile ride beginning at 3G Tactical and ending in West Milton. Donations will be made to Pink Ribbon Girls and Hospice of Dayton.

Mayor Hale informed everyone he attended the National Day of Prayer ceremony and had the opportunity to read the proclamation once again. "It was interesting to see the different pastors from the various denominations offering their prayers." Mayor Hale also reminded everyone Canal Music Fest will be held in City Park on June 11.

President Gibson stated, "At the risk of sounding repetitive, I think our recognition of our Police and EMS people bears repeating I also want to thank them for all of their hard work. Our first responders and police who protect us and make this City the great place that it is. We've got great people living here and we've got great people working here and we've got great people serving and protecting us. We can't thank you enough. I teach a concealed carry class, and one thing I make sure to teach these students is to make sure to you have a good rapport with the police. Be friendly, be respectful. They are just trying to do their job and to protect you. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I would also echo Mayor Hale's sentiments regarding the Law Enforcement Memorial. You could not help but be moved by all of those stories. Thank you to our Chief for making a presentation as well. I encourage everyone to try to participate in that next year. Otherwise, how are things? The Charter Review Commission has wrapped up and we as Council are looking at whatever we might think is appropriate to examine and consider for changes in Charter. If you did not get a chance to make a presentation or to provide input to the Charter Review Committee that was the citizen's committee that was formed earlier this year, you can still provide comment to a Council member. Council is vested with the ability to add whatever they see fit to add after the Charter Review's recommendation and that will be coming soon. Any issues that the citizenry may have, they can still approach a Council Member about that. There will be legislative action coming of that this summer. Thanks to the Charter Review Commission as well as Imagine Tipp City; which is our Master Plan program. That is also available on facebook and the website as well. Imagine Tipp City is the direction you want Tipp City to go. It is a comprehensive plan. We would love to hear your thoughts and input on that. We still have a few more public events before anything gets finalized. Feel free to give us your thoughts on that. Any Council Member or member of the committee would love to hear from you as well." President Gibson also reminded everyone of upcoming events including; Canal Music Fest in City Park, the Guns & Ribbons shooting

event, Antique and Artisan, 4th of July Celebration. "There is a lot going in in Tipp City, so make it your town." 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 Chanel 5 of the Time Warner Cable lineup. In addition, can log on to kittv.org and download all meetings of City Council, School Board or Township Trustees at your computer anytime day or night. That is kittv.org. There is also a link from the City's website. I thank the people and Council for their time."

**City Manager
Comments**

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone mosquito fogging will take place on May 16, May 25, June 21 and June 29. Rain dates are the following days.

Mr. Eggleston reminded everyone only Waste Management yard waste bags will be picked up. Bags can be purchased at the Government Center or Foodtown.

Mr. Eggleston offered congratulations to Emily Morowitz and Max Gustafson for being chosen winners in the annual Tipp City Arbor Day coloring contest.

Adjournment

President Gibson informed everyone Council will be entering Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property to include all members of Council, City Manager Eggleston and Law Director Caldwell. Mayor Hale moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:15 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Mr. Kessler moved to return from Executive Session. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Hale moved to adjourn. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council



