

**TIPP CITY WORK SESSION**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**June 6, 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, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, 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.

Guests include George Lovett and David Wirth.

Charter Review  
Suggestions by Council

President Gibson discussed potential Charter amendments. President Gibson added he wasn't making proposals at this time, but providing topics for discussion purposes. President Gibson addressed the following items: creating wards/districts, clarifying language in the event of a Council vacancy, term limits (for Council as well as the positions of Mayor and Council President) and the Restoration Board.

Mr. Kessler stated converting the City to wards/districts has been brought up before. Adding, the City is not large enough and by doing so we will lose the small town feeling. Mr. Kessler stated, "I do not feel this change is necessary". Mr. Kessler moved on to the next topic of filing vacancies, adding we currently have a process in place. President Gibson stated he felt the language should be "cleaned up". Ms. Arblaster stated the provision retains the Democratic process.

Regarding term limits, Mayor Hale stated, "Even if someone sits out, they still must run and be re-elected". Mr. Owen agreed with Mayor Hale and not change the way it is currently written. "They still must get elected....the election process follows". Mr. Kessler agreed it needs to remain as written.

President Gibson discussed Section 8.05 – Restoration Board. President Gibson stated with the new land use codes....is there a necessity to keep? "The BZA now hears appeals and that then goes to the court system". President Gibson added, "Do we need to worry about this? Is this a hot button issue?" Mr. Vath commented throughout the recent Comprehensive Master Development Plan the committee has received numerous and strong comments on the strong heritage, downtown Tipp City and its charm. Ms. Arblaster stated, "It seems like making a unilateral decision at this meeting seems irresponsible and I am not comfortable doing that". President Gibson stated he wasn't asking anyone to do that; he presented items for discussion. President Gibson assured Ms. Arblaster that this is not intended to be placed on the November ballot.

It was determined no additional charter revisions be considered at this time.

I-75 Exit 68 StreetScape  
Design

Mr. Vath showed Council aerial views of the interchange for consideration. Mr. Vath added as part of the 2000 corridor study, the interchange was included. Mr. Eggleston added, I-75 beautification has been

one of Council's Strategic Plans/Goals. Mr. Vath stated "Gateway Identifiers" could be placed within the ODOT right-of-way. Mr. Vath acknowledged the cost estimates are out of date, but staff was seeking Council's direction as to their vision of the interchange. Mr. Vath added, ODOT requires a Comprehensive Gateway Plan, which includes all four quadrants to encourage a cohesive appearance. This can be completed in phases, but all four approaches must be completed over time. Additionally, an environmental review process might be necessary once the gateway plan has been established. The City would need to execute a maintenance agreement with ODOT. The City must maintain in perpetuity the interchange including all maintenance, watering, etc.

Mr. Vath shared images of neighboring communities and their interchange designs. Ms. Berbach inquired if there were a study on highway attractiveness and the correlation between attractive interchanges and if people stop in the community. Mayor Hale stated, "If we had a flush budget, maybe I would consider". Mr. Owen suggested members of Council check out other communities such as Dublin and Tuttle Crossing. Adding, "If it were constantly being maintained by ODOT, it would look better. I would be willing to look at future for the bridge itself and not landscaping. Consider something long lasting. I don't want to constantly be putting money into it. I want it to be long lasting". Mr. Merritt stated some might have "buyer's remorse", but "At same time, it's our town. I want to take pride in our town".

Mr. Eggleston suggested staff obtain pricing on identifiers to include entrance signs and logo on bridge.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 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, 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 signing the register include: David Wirth, Andrew Doviak, Father Marc Sherlock

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Father Marc Sherlock from St. John the Baptist Church 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**

5/16/16 Council Work Session

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Work Session. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

5/16/16 Council Meeting

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Council Meeting. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

**Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**Resolutions**

There were none.

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

An ordinance requiring the submission of certain proposed Charter Amendments to the Board of Elections.

City Managers Comments: The Charter Review Committee met a number of times to review the Charter. The Committee determined three areas they felt to be a priority at this time. 1). Nomination petitions of Council candidates change from 75 days prior to the election to 90 days prior to the election to comport with state law. 2). Removal of the following provision in the nomination petition: "The signature of the candidate and a statement indicating his acceptance of the nomination and willingness to accept the office if elected shall appear on each copy of the candidate's petition". 3). Clarifying publication to include "Publish means to print in one or more newspapers in general circulation in the municipality or publish on the municipality's web page and posted at the Government Center".

**Motions**

Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance.

A motion to extend the sidewalk installation on Cayman Circle for two years upon Staff's approval of the required surety.

City Managers Comments: The Contractor of the homes on Cayman Circle has notified the City they have several homes under contract and completing the sidewalks would create issues for the installation of utilities. Staff discussed with the financial institution, that if they were willing to extend the surety for two years, it would make sense so they didn't have to put in a sidewalk to be torn out to be installed again. Staff has requested this be put on record to extend the surety for two more years and at two years, staff will revisit the issue of sidewalk installation.

Ms. Berbach moved to approve. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**Councilmember  
Comments**

Mr. Merritt wished all of the Fathers a Happy Father's Day. Mr. Merritt also thanked Mr. Gibson for his hard work he put in on gathering information for the Study Session. Mr. Merritt reminded everyone of the Canal Music Fest happening this weekend. Mr. Merritt also congratulated his daughter ~~Rachel~~ **Emily** on her participation in an Iron Man Competition in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. Kessler inquired of Mr. Owen the July 4<sup>th</sup> events. Mr. Owen suggested people can contact the Tipp City Chamber of Commerce and speak with Liz Sonnanstine. Information and literature is forthcoming. From the Chamber people can get information on vendors etc.

Ms. Arblaster stated she will be volunteering this weekend for the Downtown Tipp City Partnership at Canal Music Fest. Ms. Arblaster encouraged everyone to stop out and say hello. Ms. Arblaster said she and Ms. Berbach attended a Dayton Dragon's baseball game as part of an MVRPC outing. "Since I have come onto Council, I have been rotating my way through various organizations and groups in the community to meet with and a week ago, I had the opportunity to meet with the Director of the New Path, Bill Lutz. I learned a lot of valuable information about the various services they provide to Tipp City residents, but also to people throughout the county".

Mr. Owen congratulated the Seniors from the class of 2016. "Job well done and best of luck to all of them in their future endeavors". Mr. Owen also reminded everyone of the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Festivities will begin

at 5:00 pm and will feature two bands, both local, Beasley and Stranger. Stranger will go on at 7:30 pm. There will be food, local vendors as well as some non-profit organizations. The evening will conclude with the fireworks at the stadium. "Plan on staying in town".

Ms. Berbach informed everyone the Belinda Prewitt Memorial Ride took place this past weekend. \$1,000 was raised for Pink Ribbon Girls and Hospice of Dayton. Police Officer Cory Rismiller was the chairman this year. "He did a really nice job of coordinating all of it". Ms. Berbach also reminded everyone Guns and Ribbons will be coming up on June 18. It will be held at the Pleasant Hill VFW. It all kicks off with the Warrior Breakfast at 8:00 am, shooting will begin at 10:00 am, the Cross Fit competition will begin at 8:00 am, live bands will begin at noon and go until 2:00 am. There will be entertainment for the entire day. There will be some special attractions including rifles that have been provided by Barrett for the event. It is \$10 donation for the entire day.

Mayor Hale encouraged both the vendors and participants to the Canal Music Fest have plenty of water. Weather reports are predicting upwards of 90° on Saturday. Mayor Hale stated he participated in the ribbon cutting of the Hydro-electric plant in Kentucky. Mayor Hale also thanked President Gibson on his work on researching and bringing points forward to Council.

President Gibson stated he wished to recognize Mr. Caldwell. "With the announcement, much to our regret, it is with extreme displeasure that our Law Director, Mr. David Caldwell has decided that he is moving on to a bigger and better opportunity for him. He will be leaving us soon to take a job as Law Director for another municipality locally. I just want to say; 1). Congratulations, 2). our loss. We really had a good relationship. He answers my stupid legal questions, he has helped with the sign code, with the land use code, with the Charter revisions, innumerable contracts. He's always been there to provide good clean succinct legal advice. I appreciate his sense of humor throughout the process as well. I wanted to congratulate him and to wish him the best of luck and to announce that yes, we are indeed on the lookout for a new Law Director. I think there will be ads posted in professional publications very soon. I know Mr. Caldwell's timeframe is also very soon as well. We are going to be jumping on that as soon as possible. I hope to have a City Council Work Session on that at our next available meeting. And get started with the interview process and so forth. Best of luck to Mr. Caldwell and thank you from all of us for all of the hard work that you have done here in the City of Tipp City. As Mayor Hale said, Canal Music Fest is coming up and that is a rain or shine event. It is free of charge, food must be purchased, but the concert itself is free. Every year they have a great band, you will have a fabulous time. Get out there and enjoy the Canal Music Fest this coming Saturday which is June 11<sup>th</sup>. A week after that, as Ms. Berbach pointed out is the Guns and Ribbons event. It is a 100 yard rifle competition. There are brochures regarding this event at the back of the chamber. Soon after that is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with one of the finest fireworks displays in the area. Sponsors have come forward to help offset the cost for that as well. The pool is open and will be that day and every day since school is now out. Take advantage of the pool. We have a lot of new stuff going on. Not long after that, we will have the Mum Festival. And finally, the Tipp Swim Team is still taking reservations. As a follow-up from the comments made by Mr. Merritt and Mayor Hale, let us hear from you regarding the

**City Manager  
Comments**

Charter, let us hear from you about the highway beautification project. There are proposals to beautify the exchange with plants, pavers, concrete work etc. as you approach Tipp City from I-75. It is very expensive though. Currently the Ohio Department of Transportation owns that property. We would need agreements from them and then maintain that ourselves from now on. Maybe that's a good thing. Maybe you want your local folks to be able to maintain that. To clean up the trash and to cut the grass, plant trees etc. Maybe you think that's not worth the expense. There are valid arguments on both sides. Let us hear from you on 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 Chanel 5 of the Time Warner Cable lineup. You can also download meetings of the City Council, School Board, Township Trustees and other community events by logging onto kittv.org. You can play videos of all those events, football games etc. on your computer anytime day or night. And with that I thank Council, Clerk Mr. Manager and the people of Tipp City for their time."

**Adjournment**

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone CR25A is moving along with curb work starting in the next few weeks. As stated by President Gibson, the pool is doing very well. If there is anything anyone would like us to know or changes they would like us to make, please let us know of any ideas they have. There will be a couple of special events. I believe the aquarium is bringing in a small shark for the people to see and to learn about sharks. It is a nice little twist to what we are doing. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the pool will be open. We do have sponsors who have contributed and who have been very gracious. I would like to thank them. We have well over \$1,000 towards the fireworks. We are very grateful for.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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



