

**TIPP CITY WORK SESSION**

**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

**June 20, 2016**

**Work Session**

The work session began at 7:00 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, Interim Law Director Kevin Lantz, 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 David Wirth.

**Law Director**

City Manager Eggleston reviewed his timeline in hiring a new Law Director for the City. The advertisement went out on June 6<sup>th</sup> with the closing date of July 8<sup>th</sup>. Review of resumes will take place the week July 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Initial interviews will take place the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup> with follow-up and secondary interviews being conducted the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. Interviews with the Council panel will take place August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to have the first reading of the new Law Directors ordinance on September 19, with the second reading on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with their first meeting being on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Gibson stated the City will have “big shoes to fill” with Mr. Caldwell’s departure. President Gibson also stated he feels it is “tighter” if the Law Director were also the Prosecutor for the City. Adding, “I hope it trends the same way”. Mr. Eggleston stated he would keep Council informed of the scheduling.

**OPWC Grants**

Mr. Vath reviewed the previous four years’ projects. To include the Westedge Avenue Waterline Reconstruction Project, CR25A/Kessler-Cowlesville Repaving Program, CR25A Reconstruction Project (571 to Michaels) and the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Vath added the next three years’ projects in the “pipeline” include the CR25A Reconstruction Project (Michaels to Evanston), the Maple Hill Road/Bridge Project and the third year to be determined at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Vath review two options with Council to include the Garber/I-75Ditch Maintenance Project or the Kinna Drive Extension Project. Council determined the best project would be the Garber Drive/I-75 Ditch Maintenance Project. Mr. Green added a new estimate for the project would be necessary since the one presented is over three years old. Mr. Vath agreed adding the project would be to ensure proper drainage for the entire area to include Main Street to Manchester Chase.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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

**TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Meeting**

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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, Interim Law Director Kevin Lantz, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, 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, Jack Bastian, Marvin Page

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Reverend Gary Boggs from the First 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**

6/6/16 Council Work Session

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Work Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

6/6/16 Council Meeting

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting. Mr. Owen seconded. Mr. Merritt moved to amend the minutes on page 4 under Council Member Comments to change his daughter's name from Rachel to Emily. Mayor Hale seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on the amended minutes. Motion carried.

**Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards**

There were none.

**Ordinances (2<sup>nd</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). 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". 2). 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. 3). 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".

George Lovett of 807 Hampton Street and Charter Review Commission Member approached the podium. Mr. Lovett explained the committee's thoughts on the removal of the "signature of the candidate and a statement indicating his acceptance of the nomination and willingness to accept the office if elected shall appear....". Stating that this form could and does differ between the Board of Election Office and the City Clerk's office. We just wanted to create uniformity for everyone.

Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance 10-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Resolutions**

There were none.

**Ordinances  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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 congratulated Pastor Boggs on his retirement and thanked him for his service in providing the Prayer for Guidance before Council Meetings. Mr. Merritt added he attended the Canal Music Fest and "it was a great time".

Ms. Arblaster thanked the Charter Review Commission for all of the work that they did. Ms. Arblaster stated she also attended/ volunteered at the Canal Music Fest. Ms. Arblaster added the Antique and Artisan Show was just this past weekend and was also a huge success.

Mr. Kessler reminded everyone to remain safe during the excessive heat. "Keep hydrated and cool and be careful while working out in the heat".

Mr. Owen said, "If you are hot, we do have one of the best aquatic centers around!" Mr. Owen added this Friday is the first members' night at the pool from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Mr. Owen reminded everyone there is still time to be a vendor at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in City Park. "Contact the Chamber and talk to Liz". Live entertainment with Stranger and Beesly. "It should be a great time!"

Ms. Berbach also thanked Pastor Boggs for giving the prayer for guidance for so many years. "It is always a pleasure for all of you guys to come out and to say a prayer before our meeting. We will miss you, but I know you are going to enjoy your retirement". Ms. Berbach also encouraged everyone to remain safe during the extreme heat we are currently experiencing. Ms. Berbach added coaches are not permitted to allow practices or games in

extreme heat or humidity. Ms. Berbach added the following events just concluded for another year. Canal Music Fest, Antique and Artisan, and this past weekend, Guns and Ribbons also came to a close. "All great events for good causes". Ms. Berbach thanked everyone who volunteered and participated in those events. "It is a lot to put on, no matter the size we wouldn't have been able to do it without any of the volunteers who go out and do each of these events, so I thank everybody for that".

Mayor Hale also thanked Pastor Boggs for his commitment to the City with his offering of the prayer on his scheduled days. "We are certainly lucky in Tipp City that we are still able to have prayers like that before our community meetings where a lot of communities do without". Mayor Hale stated he also attended the Antique and Artisan show and the weather cooperated more this year than last. "It was good to see a lot more people out there". Mayor Hale wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and reminded everyone to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities at City Park.

President Gibson reminded everyone Council will be entering their summer schedule. "There will be no meeting the first week in July. We will see everyone back here on the third Monday in July. We also have the summer schedule in operation in September as well". President Gibson congratulated the promoters of the Canal Music Fest, Antique and Artisan Show. "It was warm, but there were big crowds at both of those, so my compliments and continued success on both of those". President Gibson also wished congratulations to Reverend Boggs and his service to the community. President Gibson informed everyone Council will be holding a special Council meeting on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. "As Mr. Owen has indicated, we do have a wonderful celebration coming up on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Tipp City's City Park. We will have vendors and activities. It all started with the 175<sup>th</sup> and it is a great tradition for many years to come, followed by the finest fireworks displays in the area. Compliments of the City of Tipp City and Monroe Township and some very good sponsors who have stepped up to take some of the financial brunt of that". President Gibson agreed with Mr. Owen, that "We do have one of the finest aquatic facilities in the area as well. It is YOUR city, it is YOUR facility, come use it. It is a wonderful time". President Gibson reminded everyone "These proceedings have been recorded and will be rebroadcast over the next couple weeks on the local cable access station. In this area, it is Time Warner Cable Chanel 5. You can also download meetings of the City Council, Monroe Township Trustees, School Board, and other community events by logging onto kittv.org. There is also a link on the City's website". President Gibson informed everyone Council would be entering Executive Session after a 10 minute recess. "And with that I thank the Clerk, Members of Council and the people of Tipp City for their time and attention."

**City Manager  
Comments**

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone the side serving window at the aquatic center is open and can serve people who are enjoying the bike path. "I would like to mention that we did have 15 businesses that contributed \$2,125 toward the fireworks. We are very thankful to those businesses". All businesses who contributed will be announced at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

**Adjournment**

President Gibson informed everyone it was necessary for Council to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Imminent Litigation and Purchase

of Property to include all members of Council, City Manager Tim Eggleston, Interim Law Director Kevin Lantz and Finance Director John Green.

Mr. Kessler moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Council entered Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

Ms. Berbach moved to return from Executive Session. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried. Council returned from Executive Session at 9:27 pm.

Mr. Kessler moved to adjourn. Mayor Hale seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

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Joseph Gibson, President of Council

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



