

TIPP CITY WORK SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

October 3, 2016

Work Session

The work session began at 6:35 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, Interim Law Director Kevin Lantz, Director of Municipal Services John Donnelly, Water/WasteWater Superintendent Kevin Price, Police Sergeant Chris Graham, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, EMS Chief Jeff Calicoat and Clerk of Council Janice Bates. Reporters Nancy Bowman, Cecilia Fox and Carla Ungerecht were also in attendance.

Football Stadium Discussion

President Gibson informed everyone due to the number of persons interested in the Study Session topics, the Study Session will be held in Chambers rather than in the conference room to accommodate everyone.

Mr. Eggleston stated, "As you know last Monday, the School Board had passed the proposal from Ruetschle which initially started out at \$30,000; which is now down to \$20,000 for conceptual design at City park. At this time, Council has not discussed this issue and staff also has on this agenda a motion directing staff to create legislation or not to participate in this. The expected timeframe, is no later than January 2017 to have a proposal for discussion. At this point, the school is asking if Council is interested in supporting paying half the cost, which we would have to re-appropriate funds for this. This is not a budgeted item. Council was provided a copy of the proposal". President Gibson provided background information on the stadium. "The City owns the football stadium, the City does recognize this might need renovation/updates etc. The question becomes complicated. Since this is a City owned property, does the City bear the responsibility or since this is the complete and total benefit of the schools, should the schools do this on their own, or should there be some sort of collaboration between the two? There are options before the School Board, I understand. They could build out by the campus or stay at City park. I know I have received many opinions in both directions on where we should go and what should be done. At this point in time we are at the initial phase, the study phase, on whether or not we can do it at one location versus another. One location might be cost prohibitive another location might be inappropriate because of land use "stuff", historical easements that would arise in the Downtown area where City park would be. For purposes of this discussion, members of the School Administration are here and some public members as well who wish to be heard. Number one, what do we do with the football stadium? We are in a new league as well, which will attract bigger audiences, more players, families etc. But, it is a football stadium as opposed to a new building for teaching, or a set of textbooks. Is this a priority for the school? Is this a priority for the City? And to what extent does our commitment lie? This is a City owned property and I would welcome any comments from Council or the public at this time".

Mayor Hale commented this has been discussed for decades. "I've had numerous discussions with people, just in the past 10 years, about it. We've had a lot of different discussions. The problem has always been, City land and school use facility for the majority. Which creates the big issue of who is going to spend the money. The City shouldn't be spending all of the money to build

a football stadium that is used by the school system and the school system shouldn't put a lot of money into a piece of land necessarily that is owned by the City. Which is what created the conundrum as a whole. At this point, we are taking baby steps towards the process of trying to come to a resolution for the community as a whole that works for everybody. Whether it ends up at City park, or whether it ends up out at the High School, we need to find out where it is going to go when and wherever it is build. That is my justification for us sharing the costs at this point. To see if the stadium is going to work at the park. If this is something that can still work there. If this comes back and we spend this \$10,000 and they come back with the drawings and they say there is no way we can build that facility there a way that it is going to work for the community. Then we still have an answer for City Council, so we have a decision on how we can use that land somewhere down the road. When the new stadium goes out by the high school. We need to be able to have the time and the years and the planning process to know if it is going to go there. We have fundraising people on board ready to get that done, which is fantastic! But, if it doesn't end up going there, then Council at least knows and can start the planning process for what is going to happen to that land and space. I have made it pointedly clear, numerous times, that I have no interest in the City funding the stadium, or putting a bunch of money into the stadium. This is more about finding out where it is going to go, if it is going to work there and if we can do some in-kind work on the City side, that's great".

Mr. Kessler stated one of his concerns was "Why are we paying to do another conceptual design when we have one already?" Mr. Kessler questioned what had changed in the last ten years since the last study was completed in 2006/2007. Mayor Hale replied it was his understanding those were only drawings. Mr. Merritt asked if some of the questions being posed tonight, "Have been answered to some extent in the feasibility of putting it in the park? I seem to remember during my time on the School Board, we had asked these same questions before. What would it look like, what would have to be done, could we build west of the existing structure, what limitations did we have to the east? It seems like we have answered these questions before". Mr. Merritt stated his concerns are the same as Mr. Kessler's. "If we already have these studies done, at least in part....

Dr. Greta Kumpf, Superintendent of Tippecanoe Exempted Local School District approached the podium. Dr. Kumpf stated these have been "long time questions" and it has been looked into a number of times. "We have not had real numbers. That is the one thing that we have not had. We've had rejection numbers or plans of other stadiums. What we are looking for now is a larger view and vision and also hard numbers that will tell us what it will cost to build at the stadium with our needs. We have to determine the size, the electrical needs, sewer needs". Dr. Kumpf added soil samplings will also be collected to determine topographically, "How that would fit there and what could be put in both of those locations". Mr. Merritt inquired if this endeavor would be to provide additional information that what has previously been provided. Mike Ruetschle of Ruetschle Architects approached the podium. Mr. Ruestchle informed Mr. Merritt the intent is to "take it to the next level" ...to drill into the costs associated with those concepts that were developed. "For example what does it cost to put in the additional parking area, there is talk of a new access road out, what kind of site utilities are needed to be brought in to support the lighting and so forth. The School Board wanted to take those conceptual

numbers that have been provided and to put "more meat on the bone". To actually study them. To hire Civil Engineers and Electrical Engineers to verify those documents. The school board feels that they need accurate information of costs to commit". Mr. Merritt indicated this issue was to be on the ballot recently and was removed. Mr. Ruetschle stated this will be to test costs. The previous estimate of \$5 million was for turf field, bleachers, lighting, the athletic support buildings, site work. It was conceptual, budgets applied to each of those scopes to get to that number. "The school board has asked to go deeper. Instead of just putting budgets on what the turf will cost, but to actually get the committee together and look at different turf options. You are right, there has been conceptual work that has been done in the past, and they arrived at a number that has been looser than the current Board wants". Mr. Kessler stated many of the soil borings studies should be similar to the pool area and are not necessary to be recreated. "This begs me to ask what kind of structure you are looking to put up there if you are worried about that kind of support." Mr. Ruetschle commented it was mostly for the pole lights. "The soil borings would be looking at the bearing capacity the soil is to support it. If the pool house has soil borings, that we could look at, and can interpolate, we can do that. The cost of the soil borings is actually not included in the proposal that is before you". Mr. Owen stated that he is along the same lines as Mayor Hale in that when it comes to this whole project. Mr. Owen also remembers the previous design and recalls seeing the pamphlet work. Mr. Owen also inquired if any information from the previous study can be utilized for this design. "Is there a plan to use some of that? We are all concerned about putting this money toward something that needs to be done rather than we've already spent that money and do we need to do it again?" Mr. Kessler agreed. "Since it is staying in the park, that's how I am going to look at it, the City has an obligation to assist. We will be secondary on any issue because it is our property. We need to assist in making it a safer construction. We as a City has a certain obligation, it's our property to make sure that there is safety there. If something happens, the City is going to get pulled into it. We in essence have an obligation to make sure the stadium is structurally sound and safe for the community as a whole. But, I also don't want to see a lot of "fluff" go into it. I realize we need dressing rooms. For the conceptual design, I would like to know what the school is looking at. I don't know how grandiose they want to make it or if it is going to be a basic stadium to seat 2,000 or 3,000 people". Ms. Arblaster commented, "The question is if we want to help them get that basic...not necessarily help them pay for it." Mr. Kessler stated, "If we are paying for the study for it to remain in the park, I don't mind contributing to it, but if we are going to be contributing money to help them do a high school site, I am not interested at all". President Gibson informed everyone no determination has been made as to the location of the stadium. "That is going to be the purpose of the study. To determine whether or not it is even feasible to stay down here given, we need a bigger stadium, bleachers etc. and we can't do it down there, then that's the answer. Then everything is set in motion at that point." Ms. Arblaster stated beyond contributing to half of the plans, we (the City) are not committing to anything else beyond that at this point. President Gibson agreed. Ms. Arblaster added she believes it is in "good faith" that the community see Council and the School Board, say that "we collectively" want to see this resolved. Mayor Hale added, "One way or the other, we want to have it resolved". Mr. Eggleston stated the City has extended anything the schools needs as far as prints, grades in the pool area etc. "We are there to work with them". Mr. Eggleston reminded everyone, in

2014, it was learned the school could give the property to the schools if that were to become an issue.

Mashelle Stith of 7765 Winding Way S. approached the podium. Ms. Stith requested Council pay the other half of the study. "The Tippecanoe Pride Plan is a group of citizens that consists of parents, grandparents, business owners and community members. Our purpose is to raise private funds to assist the City and School Board in accomplishing their efforts to provide a new stadium for our community. There are professional individuals from our community building teams with the purpose of securing private donations". Ms. Stith added this committee is seeking funding through marketing, fundraising and planning. When the determination is made of the location of the stadium, "We plan to "plug in" and help out with collecting pledges. To begin the process, there are three things we are asking. 1). You pay the other half so we can move forward, 2). We need your official endorsement. 3). Asking to be "part of the team". This would be envisioned as a workshop, to include members of Council, members of the School Board, and members of the community that are trying to raise private funds for a "community" stadium. Ms. Stith stated the same will be requested of the School Board.

Nici McClurg of 3663 Ginghamburg-Frederick Road approached the podium. Ms. McClurg stated whatever has been done in the past to get this stadium built has not worked. Ms. McClurg stated, "There is so much excitement about this and I don't know what has happened in the past that we could not get a new stadium in our awesome community. When we call it a Tipp Pride thing...that's what it is. This is a community thing, this is where we meet, this is where other people see us, this is our meeting ground for our community. We do so much more than just play sports there. I think that is why we are trying to get the City involved too. It is not just a school thing, it is a community thing."

Mr. Merritt stated the community has been behind this endeavor for a long time. "Perhaps not as enthusiastic as we have seen here tonight. When it came to passing a levy, it did not have support". Mayor Hale stated, that part of the reason it lacked support was because "You guys didn't have firm numbers on what it was actually going to cost. You had ballpark figures, but you didn't have the numbers drilled down like we are talking about doing now". Mr. Merritt stated "I want a stadium and I am in full support of a stadium. Frankly, in my view, I'm not even concerned where it goes. It reflects our community, and our community deserves better than the stadium that we have."

Karen Webber of 7790 Winding Way South approached the podium. Stated she is excited about this community involvement project. "We want a stadium that reflects the positive nature of Tipp City."

President Gibson informed everyone there is a motion on the agenda to take further action in accordance with tonight's discussion. "Let me remind everyone that motion tonight is not for us to pay for a football stadium. I hope you make this same passionate presentation to the School Board as well and all of the other interested parties. Mr. Kessler stated, "My only concern is, the school has already spent, several times, on a study such as they are doing now. This will be the first for the City. I cannot be too concerned because we have

not kept throwing money at it. How many times is the school going to do this conceptual study and spend the money? They have done this two or three times. How come the school keeps spending the money for conceptual studies and nothing moves forward? I would say it a prior School Boards, whoever they might have been, and did not follow through. They have done all of these studies. They have never come to the City, until this time. Since it is our first dime, I do not mind throwing a dime out there". President Gibson stated Mr. Kessler raised a valid point. "I've never seen any of those conceptual studies and I don't think any of them were in the materials that we have. Nothing with the specificity that you reference. I've heard the same, that in '05, '04, they had figures, blueprints and everything. I would love to see those prior drawings, if anybody has them". Ms. Arblaster commented, that part of this is to also create a "fresh start". Where everyone is coming together and moving forward. Ms. Arblaster continued, "What I am more concerned about is how this looks after we get the study and what the partnership between the City, the School Board and the community group looks like. That's where I want to put my energy and effort, rather than rehashing things. I don't want to waste money, but at the same time if the schools are saying they don't have that information for us to be as specific as we need to be to move forward...I think this is a step...a step in the right direction. I am really excited about coming together with the School Board and trying to push this forward".

Ms. Berbach inquired of Mr. Ruetschle if specific figures will be provided to Council for repaving, or for additional egress. Mr. Ruetschle replied, "That is exactly what we are going to do". Ms. Berbach continued, "I was whole-heartedly against spending the \$10,000, until I saw that they would be giving a firm cost to what the City would actually be contributing if a stadium were built at City park. That is what I care about...I could care less about the football stadium...I care from being a citizen and from playing on that field and my child playing there. Yes, it a place in my heart. But, I care from a City aspect. I care what it is going to cost the City to make the upgrades. I was 100% against this two hours ago. But, if we are going to get solid numbers about what it is going to cost the City to upgrade certain portions to make it a usable stadium, then I am for it. Because, that is what I care about. That's the only responsibility that I see the City having in this".

CIP Follow-Up

Mr. Eggleston provided Council with follow-up information from the September 26, 2016 Capital Improvement Program Workshop.

- The K9 officer - Funds available in the Police Department budget to purchase the animal in 2016 versus the proposed 2017. There will be a two week overlap with both K9 officers. Staff will then remove the animal from the CIP and make the purchase this year.
- Drainage Tiles in Kyle Park - This will take staff time to research. We will revisit in a few months.
- Copiers – Lease versus purchase – After 5 years of heavy use, the cost to maintain the units will increase if the unit is leased rather than purchased. The five year rotation purchase of the unit is cheaper.
- The purchase of the Street Department backhoe will be repaired and the purchase of a new unit will be moved to 2018.
- The plotter for Engineering was purchased on April 16, 2009 at a cost of \$20,767. This is what the department uses to scan prints through. This machine is having a lot of issues.

Water Tower #1
Discussion

- Prairie observation platform – This item is not a priority; scheduled for 2020 and can be re-evaluated at that time.

Mr. Eggleston informed Council there will be a final version for Council's approval.

Mr. Eggleston provided historical information on tower #1 (Bowman Avenue water tower). "Residents were told when voting for the levy that tower #3 when erected was to replace tower #1. This is evidenced by newspaper articles, Planning Commission minutes and other documents. Even in the Dayton News, on September 30, 2009 the article by Ms. Bowman, said they had picked the design for the new 1 million gallon water tower to replace the 78 year old Bowman Avenue water tower which hold 350,000 gallons. To date, tower #1 has not been demolished. In 2015 Staff proposed that if the tower was razed a SCADA system would need to be installed on the City property behind Hinders. Water Superintendent brought up concerns about removal of the tower. Staff had the water study commissioned. This is a riveted tank that was built in 1935. In 1990, the exterior was painted with three coats of epoxy paint. Around 1999, the interior was also repainted. The County and Schools have abandoned their antennas on the tower because they were told it was going to be taken down. All indications are the tower was to be removed upon the completion of tower #3. On September 23, 2015 Dixon Engineering presented their analysis of the condition of tower #1 with cost estimates to rehabilitate it. Costs ranged from \$455,000 with \$60,000 for engineering and contingency for a grand total of \$515,000. Dixon Engineering commented at the end of their estimate, the tower is now over 80 years old and the City has received a good value for its investment. Adding a new 400,000 gallon tank could be erected for \$1.2 million. The new tank would reduce future maintenance costs of this one. The water system evaluation was to evaluate five areas of the system including possible expansion that may or may not happen with some of our larger industries. Identify any water lines which are undersized and unable to provide inadequate fire flows, identify any additional looping or redundancy within the system that may benefit operations, identify future improvements that may be required for planned City expansions, develop specific lists of water system CIP's and costs, explore and identify the ability to adjust the boundaries of the high and low pressure districts. The summary concluded that taking tank one offline will result in minor reduction to the peak day service pressure and a substantial concerning reduction and available fire flow to the low side district. The flow could be boosted with pumps in an emergency situation, but most of the benefit would be realized on the high side pressure district west of the treatment plant and not in the low side pressure district. In addition by running both pumps 1 and 2 the velocity and the discharge pipe could result in system failures. Tank one is critical in providing fire protection in the low side pressure district. Removing it would cause a substantial reduction in fire flow most pronounced in areas bounded by Elm Street, Hyatt Street, Park Avenue and the Great Miami River including the Downtown core and Broadway Elementary School. It is recommended the tank remain in service to provide higher levels of fire protection to low side pressure district unless other options are explored to offset the potential loss of fire protection capacity. Staff has developed three options. Rehabilitation of tank #1, move forward with bid specifications for tower removal and installation of a SCADA system and rely on water pumps to supply fire protection; which is not recommended by the Engineer, build a new

tower in a different location which cost estimates are \$2.6 million depending on land purchase and specifications of the tower itself. OPWC has approximately \$2 million in loan funds available with 0% interest. Applications are due 12-9-16. We have had our GIS staff look at preparing the low side and the high side so we can have a conceptual breakdown. Staff is asking for Council direction on this matter". Mr. Kessler stated building a new tower now is more cost effective in the long run. Ms. Arblaster questioned why there had been a study with this information and had not been discussed for one year. Ms. Arblaster also had a question regarding capacity. Ms. Arblaster asked if a 400,000 gallon tank will be enough for the City to continue to build. "I want to know if we are going to commit to building a tower, it is going to meet our needs for the next 75 years as best as we can predict. And beyond that, why has this study been here for a year and has not been talked about?" Mr. Eggleston stated, "The City initially received the study at the time Mr. Donnelly was receiving bid specs to raze the tower. At that same time Mr. Price raised concerns. It was then determined to do a study to see where we are at, do we really need the tower, don't we need the tower and where do we go from here? This study is for the whole system, so we are aware of what we do need to do down the road". Ms. Arblaster questioned the cost of doing both the SCADA system as well as a new tower. Kevin Price, Water/Wastewater Superintendent approached the podium. Mr. Price stated, "Essentially tower #1 could be reutilized. Currently that tower level elevation goes to the SCADA system that is at the water treatment plant. That is how we are able to maintain that water pressure on the low side. The SCADA system we currently own can be reused". Mr. Eggleston stated the size of the tank was recommended by Dixon Engineering. President Gibson requested additional information on this matter.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

October 3, 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, Interim Law Director Kevin Lantz, Director of Municipal Services and Engineering John Donnelly, Police Sergeant/Detective Chris Graham, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, EMS Chief Jeff Calicoat and Clerk of Council Janice Bates. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox and Carla Ungerecht were also in attendance.

Guests signing the register include: Mashell Stith, Amy Blake, Joellen Heatherly, Karen Weber, Dave Weber, Gary Pfister, Brian Cook, Michelle Blake, Tom Bolton, Mike Ruetschle, Gretta Kumpf, Jonathan Freeman, Nici McClerg, Andrew Doviak, Garnett Long, Lisa Lawson and Tina Bradley.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Jeff Seekins from Community Bible Church gave the Prayer for Guidance President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes

9/19/16 Council Work Session

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Work Session. Ms. Arblaster seconded. Motion carried.

9/19/16 Council Meeting

Mr. Owen moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Council Meeting. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

9/26/16 Capital Improvement Program Workshop

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 Capital Improvement Program Workshop. Mayor Hale seconded. Motion carried. Vote was 5-0-2; Mr. Merritt and Mr. Owen abstained.

Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Ruth Long's 100th Birthday.

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Public power Week.

Ordinances (2nd Reading)

Right-of-Way Dedication

An ordinance approving the dedication of Right-of-Way for part of County Road 25A from SR571 to Evanston Road.

City Manager's Comments: The City is widening and upgrading CR25A southerly to Michaels Road (completed this year) and from Michaels to Evanston Road (to be completed in 2017-2018). At its August 1st meeting Council authorized the annexation of +/-4.478 acres of right-of-way from unincorporated Monroe Township into Tipp City. The Miami County Commissioners approved that annexation on September 8th. The Planning Board reviewed this matter at their September 13th meeting and

recommended approval.

Ms. Berbach introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion carried 7-0. Ordinance 20-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Amending Chapter 37

An ordinance combining Chapter 37 Exhibits "A" & "B" of the codified ordinances of the City of Tipp City establishing pay and benefit schedules for all city employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

City Manager's Comments: When we last amended the ordinance for Chapter 37, we inadvertently left out the \$250 vehicle stipend. Therefore, we are adding it back in. This is cleaning up the ordinance as it was presented. President Gibson inquired if this would require re-appropriation. Mr. Eggleston replied it does not.

Mr. Owen introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion carried 7-0. Ordinance 21-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Modifying Code Section 154.11(l)(4)(d)(iii)

An ordinance modifying Code Section 154.11(l)(4)(d)(iii) regarding highway signs.

City Manager Comments: This is a correction to our sign ordinance which would allow a 70' tall pylon sign. Staff is asking the word "pole" be added to this section so it won't be misconstrued.

President Gibson introduced the ordinance and moved for its adoption. Motion carried 7-0. Ordinance 22-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Resolutions
ODOT Bridge Inspection Services

A resolution authorizing the Ohio Department of Transportation to perform bridge inspection program services for the City of Tipp City at no cost for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

City Manager Comments: They do come in and inspect our bridges. It doesn't cost us anything. Staff is asking the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Owen sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 24-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Miami County Public Defender Contract

A resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the law office of the Miami County Public Defender.

City Manager Comments: We pass this resolution every year so the county can do our public defending. This is for \$4,068.23 which was the same amount paid last year this service. Staff is asking the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Kessler sponsored the resolution and moved for its adoption. Ms. Arblaster seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution 25-16 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinances
(1st Reading)**

Naming Jonathan B. Freeman as Director of Law

An ordinance approving the City Manager's appointment of Jonathan B. Freeman as the Director of Law and setting compensation related to the position of Director of Law.

City Manager Comments: Upon the initial interviews and final interviews that were done by Council and Staff, it was decided that Mr. Freeman be appointed. The contract is the same as the last Law Director, there are no increases as this is a budgeted amount.

President Gibson introduced the ordinance.

Motions

\$1,000 Tree Donation

A motion accepting Rotary's \$1,000 Tree Donation.

City Manager Comments: At the last Rotary meeting, they presented me with a check for \$1,000. Mr. Green says we need a motion to accept this. President Gibson stated we are delighted to accept this and thank them for their donation for trees.

Mayor Hale moved to accept Rotary's donation. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

Support of Conceptual Design of Football Stadium

A motion directing staff to write legislation to support the conceptual design of a football stadium up to \$10,000.

City Manager Comments: The process would be if Council directs staff to make legislation, it would be presented at the next Council meeting to be introduced and then on November 7th it would come back for a second reading at which time it would be automatic. There would be no 30 day waiting period. This is Council's decision whether or not you wish to proceed.

Mr. Owen moved to approve. Mayor Hale seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

There were none.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

Councilmember Comments

Mr. Merritt thanked the group that came in support of the stadium. I am happy to take a first step toward that. Mr. Merritt congratulated Mr. Freeman on his new position with the City. Mr. Merritt thanked the Rotary for their tree donations.

Ms. Arblaster thanked everyone who came out in support of the stadium. "I am excited that we are collaborating together on this issue". Ms. Arblaster informed everyone she attended the Tipp United Way breakfast and discussed their current fundraising activities. Ms. Arblaster also reminded

everyone of the upcoming First Friday event hosted by the Downtown Tipp City Partnership. Ms. Arblaster also stated she has recently met with the Tipp Seniors and received an update on their building project and their needs for the future and their wishes to partner with the City. Ms. Arblaster encouraged everyone to register to vote and get out to vote. "Please fill out your entire ballot."

Mr. Kessler had nothing additional.

Mr. Owen wished to congratulate Ruth Long for turning 100. "Congratulations! I thought it was very nice to do the proclamation." Mr. Owen also welcomed Mr. Freeman. "Congratulations. I am looking forward to working with you." Mr. Owen also thanked Rotary for their donation. Mr. Owen thanked the Tippecanoe Pride Organization interested in raising funds. Mr. Owen thanked Dr. Kumpf for her attendance and stated he looked forward to working with her.

Ms. Berbach stated Kyle Park will be closed on October 5 due to the cross country meet. Ms. Berbach reminded everyone October 8-9 will be the SAY Soccer fun tournaments. Ms. Berbach encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Yuletide Gathering and to shop local. Mr. Berbach also welcomed Mr. Freeman.

Mayor Hale stated, "I am equally thrilled with the steps we have made on the football stadium. I would wish we bring in the Township Trustees into the conversation with this as they had been part of that in the past." Mayor Hale informed Council he will be out of town at the next meeting. Mayor Hale congratulated Nancy Bowman for being named Woman of Excellence.

President Gibson agreed with Mayor Hale stating, "Hats off to you! Nancy as well. You have covered all of these meetings; fairly and accurately. Thank you for joining us. The Mum Festival was as good as it could have been. The weather was great, the food was great. Everyone had a great time. The entertainment was great. We also want to thank the folks who made us safe; the Police, Fire, EMS. The folks making those waffles were outstanding! Beside the waffles, there was an element of safety as well. We appreciate you folks always taking care of us. Whether it is traffic or something dangerous, thank you for making it safe for us. Thanks to the Mum Festival **Committee**, Tipp-Monroe Community Services, the Fun Run, the Car Show...hats off and may next year's be even better."

President Gibson added, "Tonight we talked about a couple different things, but we have finalized, for all **intensive intents and** purposes the Capital Improvement Program. We are going to do the same thing with the Operating Budget. That is a marathon study session as well. That is going to be on Monday, October 24th starting at 3:00 in the afternoon. Every department makes a presentation, the public is welcome to attend. It is a very informal session. That information should be online. If there is an issue or priority you wish to present, we always love to hear the citizen comments as well. Feel free to give us your input on that. Congratulations to our new Law Director. Thanks to our interim Law Director, we appreciate your filling in." President Gibson

thanked Mr. Freeman for “coming forward and picking up the mantle of the greatness of Caldwell & Moore. Congratulations and good luck. We did have a good list of candidates, very qualified folks. We appreciate you stepping forward and I look forward to working with you.” President Gibson also thanked those who came before Council to speak on behalf of the stadium. “As Mayor Hale stated, this is a baby step, but I think a huge step has been taken. I think it is important to recognize Mayor Hale for his leadership on this. Mr. Owen and Mr. Kessler both as well for showing their leadership and taking the matter forward. We thank you for your leadership as well. I am pleased to be part of a board that works like this. As Mayor Hale stated, we look forward to the Township being involved as well.” President Gibson encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

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 Time Warner Cable lineup. You can also access this meeting, meeting of City Council in the past, School Board Township Trustees and other community events by logging onto kittv.org.”

**City Manager
Comments**

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone the Rosalyn project is coming along. “Please bear with us as Vectren gas is getting their new gas lines in as quickly as possible”.

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone the I75 entrance ramp southbound at Exit 68 will be closed for approximately 2 days for minor repairs at the end of October. Notice will be published on the City’s website and the newspaper.

The demolition permit for Miles Avenue has been signed. Staff is waiting a date from the contractor for when the home will be razed. A shed on the property will be moved to Kyle park.

At the last meeting we didn’t have time to celebrate Ms. Bates’ accomplishments. Therefore there are cupcakes from Sweet by Christy to show our appreciation to Janice for being able to work toward being an Athenian, as well as Master Municipal Clerk. After the meeting, please stop by have a cupcake and again, congratulations to Janice.

Adjournment

Mr. Kessler moved to adjourn. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council



