

TIPP CITY WORK SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

May 15, 2017

Executive Session

The following Council Members answered roll call. President Joe Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Katie Berbach, John Kessler and Tom Merritt. Ms. Berbach moved to excuse Mr. Owen. Mr. Merritt seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Berbach moved to excuse Ms. Arblaster. Mr. Merritt seconded. Motion carried. President Gibson informed everyone Council will be entering Executive Session for the purpose of imminent litigation to include all present members of Council, City Manager Eggleston and Law Director Freeman. Mayor Hale moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Council entered Executive Session at 6:46 pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:06 pm. Ms. Berbach moved to return from Executive Session. Mayor Hale seconded. Motion carried.

Work Session

The work session began at 7:10 pm. The following Council members were present: President Joe Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Katie Berbach, John Kessler and Tom Merritt. Also attending was City Manager Tim Eggleston, Law Director Jonathan Freeman, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Deputy Director of Municipal Services and Engineering Eric Mack, Police Sergeant Chris Graham, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Administrative Secretary Dawn Gross and Clerk of Council Janice Bates. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Others in attendance include Abby Bowling

Refuse Specs/ Updates & Discussion

Mr. Eggleston reminded Council the current refuse bid will expire later this year. Mr. Eggleston added with the input from Council's most recent study session on the matter, the Law Director has drafted the language for upcoming bid specifications.

Mr. Eggleston stated the updated language removes alley pick-up, includes the co-mingling of yard waste and refuse in the same container and residents can have an additional 6 yard bags for collection. Mr. Eggleston added the new bid could also reduce number of collection days if Council desired.

President Gibson inquired of the decision to eliminate alley pick-up. President Gibson added, he thought alley pick-up could be listed as an alternate bid. Mr. Eggleston added the alleys aren't large enough for the size of the trucks.

Mr. Eggleston informed Council the handicapped services that have been included in previous bid specifications remain. President Gibson inquired of this provision. Mr. Green replied, "This provision allows for those residents who are physically unable to place their refuse curbside to be picked up alongside the house."

President Gibson inquired if alley pick-up will be completely eliminated with this upcoming bid. Mr. Eggleston stated this service has been removed from this bid specification request. "Trucks are damaging alleys, trees and buildings located on private property." President Gibson inquired if the City

had received complaints regarding property being damaged. Mr. Eggleston replied "Yes". Mr. Kessler added, "One instance of damage is one too many." President Gibson stated he was reluctant to eliminate this service. President Gibson requested the City Manager to provide an analysis of the costs of damage caused by the trucks. Adding, "I don't think it is terribly unreasonable to ask." President Gibson also requested reason as to why we (the City) are changing the terms of this contract. Mayor Hale added, "If I were one whose property was constantly being damaged, I wouldn't want that stress."

TFAC Equipment
Upgrades

Mr. Eggleston informed Council the Aquatic Center has been in operation for 10 years. "The slide in the toddler area of the pool needs to be replaced." As part of this upgrade, the City will be removing the slide and add an aqua dome. "The concept for this piece of equipment is to incorporate cognitive play, sensory stimulation, development of motor skills while also providing a place for parents and grandparents to interact with their children and grandchildren." Mr. Eggleston informed Council funding for this project was made available by the Tipp Foundation and there would be no costs to the City. Mr. Eggleston provided Council with images of other water features for future upgrades.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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May 15, 2017

Council Meeting

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

City Staff in attendance include: City Manager Tim Eggleston, Law Director Jonathan B. Freeman, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director John Green, Deputy Director of Municipal Services and Engineering Eric Mack, Police Sergeant/Detective Chris Graham, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, EMS Chief Jeff Calicoat, Clerk of Council Janice Bates, Administrative Secretary Dawn Gross and Human Resources Generalist Joanna Pittenger. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Guests signing the register include: Gavin Stochslonger, Laken Brown, Victoria Taylor, Rev. John Hughes, Luke Davies, Alexis Turnbull, Annette Calicoat, Barb Smith, Jen Haas, Kate Taylor, Doug Trent, Gary Jackson, Ian Lees, Abby Bowling, Daniel Shoup and Tom York

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Rev. John Hughes of Skyview Wesleyan gave the prayer for guidance. President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

**Minutes
5/1/17 Council Meeting**

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Council Meeting. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried. Vote was 4-0-1; President Gibson abstained.

**Presentations,
Proclamations, &
Awards**

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Police Week.

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for EMS Week.

Mayor Hale read a proclamation for Poppy Days

Mayor Hale presented Deputy Director of Municipal Services Eric Mack with the APPA Diamond Award for Reliability.

**Ordinances
(2nd Reading)**

There were none.

**Resolutions
Alternative Tax
Document Format**

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 2018 in relation to the Alternative Tax Document format provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281 and approves the same.

City Manager Comments: At the April 17th Council Meeting, Council passed the resolution for the intent to proceed using the Alternative Tax Budget Format as allowed by law. This resolution allows the Finance Director

to utilize the alternative form tax budget for 2018. This is the first step in the budget process. Staff is asking this resolution be passed.

Mayor Hale moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 16-17 was declared adopted and President Gibson affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Purchase & Surplus of
Equipment - Backhoe**

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase one backhoe for the Water and Sewer Departments from Southeastern Equipment Company through the State of Ohio Purchasing Plan at a cost not to exceed \$79, 210.82 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 Comments: As Council might recall, \$90,000 was budgeted for the purchase of this item. This will be replacing the 2001 CASE 580 SM Backhoe. Staff is asking this resolution be adopted.

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Merritt seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 17-17 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 is always pleased when the City takes the opportunity to recognize various departments such as the proclamations that were read by the Mayor for Police Week and EMS Week. Mr. Merritt congratulated those agencies for their service to the community. Mr. Merritt informed everyone that Council had discussions regarding the upcoming refuse bid and alley pick-up. "I would encourage anyone that might be impacted by that to let your Council Members know. It seems like some folks have been contacted by a lot of people of what they are feeling about this. I would be interested to know if anyone has feelings they would like to convey to Council, I would encourage you to do that." Mr. Merritt also congratulated the Seniors from Tippecanoe High School who were in attendance.

Mr. Kessler also welcomed the Seniors in attendance. Mr. Kessler stated he wished to address the overpass. "Apparently, this has been discussed since 1975 or longer. The last time that it was looked at was in 1999. That has been 18 years and nothing has been done. I only bring it up because I received a text message on Wednesday, May 10th. Apparently a medic was trying to get across the tracks and couldn't because there was a train. The point is, when are we going to decide the safety of the citizens on both sides of the tracks are important enough to get an overpass in? Had it been a fatality, if that train had been delayed and EMS wouldn't have made it in time, every minute counts...I

will begin requesting instead of residents approaching me on the street to come speak to Council. Council needs to hear from them as well.”

Ms. Berbach informed everyone soccer sign-ups have come to a close. “This also means Kyle Park is starting to get busy with baseball, spring soccer and will continue all summer with the fall soccer starting with their practices. Please be very careful when going to Kyle Park.” Ms. Berbach reminded everyone of the upcoming Guns and Ribbons event on June 17th.

Mayor Hale informed everyone he attended the Miami County Police Memorial in Troy. “It is a very nice well done memorial program that they have. Something for younger people to see and to have a greater respect for what Police Officers do and what communities do... how they make their sacrifices in general. Thankfully, the City has only lost one Police Officer in our history. We are lucky from that stand point.”

President Gibson thanked Mayor Hale for filling in for him while he was away. President Gibson also congratulated Clerk Bates, “who has received accolade after accolade and accomplishment after accomplishment and I hope it continues. We wish her continued success on that and I echo what Ms. Arblaster and the other Council Members said at the last meeting on our congratulations to you for all of your accomplishments.”

President Gibson also congratulated and thanked the Police, EMS and Fire Departments for all that they do for the community. “You protect us and keep the City safe. We can never thank you enough.

President Gibson also congratulated the Seniors from Tippecanoe High School and invited them to the dais after the meeting to obtain the required signatures.

President Gibson stated, “As much as Council Member Kessler and I disagree on a variety of issues, I have been thinking about the situation involving an overpass and I have to agree. I think that our Police and Fire and EMS do need egress and ingress throughout the City and the railroad track do pose a problem. I will also call to whatever extent possible; whether it is through grants, or whether it is through the railroad company, there is a million different things and the railroad is still a mystery as to what they are willing to do and willing to provide. Which is the Federal Government versus anyone else. I believe we need an overpass or an underpass for that train as well. We have been told time and time again that it is very costly but what happens if we have a fire or there is someone in danger and the EMS and Fire Departments can’t get through because of a train? I think it is worthy for us to however we can, look into that. I would call on whatever public presentation that can be made, study session or something...I think this is something we need to talk about. I think it is a worthy thing to at least revisit. It is worth looking into.

President Gibson also encouraged residents to share their thoughts or concerns regarding alley pick-up for refuse collection.

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 Spectrum Channel 5 of the cable lineup. You can also download meetings of City Council, Monroe Township Trustees and the School Board by logging onto kittv.org.”

**City Manager
Comments**

Mr. Eggleston let everyone know the aquatic center will be open on Saturday, May 27th.

Mr. Eggleston informed everyone to watch for notices regarding the second phase of the CR25A project.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council



