

**OCTOBER 30, 2012
WORK SESSION**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOYNE CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2012 AT 3:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ron Grunch called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ron Grunch, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Derek Gaylord, Laura Sansom and Tom Neidhamer

Staff: Andy Kovolski, Scott McPherson, Michael Cain, Hugh Conklin, Jeff Gaither, Dan Meads and Cindy Grice

Others: There was 1 citizen in attendance.

Mayor Grunch discussed the recent annual MML Conference that all commissioners attended. This work session is to discuss those sessions and share information with other commissioners and staff.

**MML CONVENTION
REVIEW**

ITEM A1: Seeds of dissolution start at pinnacle of success.

Commissioners discussed what helps keep us motivated. We do have these goals out there. Commissioner Neidhamer inquired about grant writing specialists on staff. City Manager Cain said as he hears of opportunities we begin to work on them. Do we see grants decreasing? Yes, we are seeing the trend leaning more towards the private sector. Commissioner Gaylord said he thinks the trend is going that way. We need to operate as if we never get another grant. To stay number 1, we do the fundamentals well such as customer service and fiscal responsibility. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne agreed.

ITEM A2: Get kids involved in long term 30 to 50 year planning.

City Manager Cain discussed youth attendance at past MML conferences and how he took Boyne City students. Commissioner Sansom discussed the concept of a \$10,000 challenge for ideas that has been used by other communities.

ITEM A3 and A5: Return on investments / Boyne Theater

Possibilities of funding and return on investment of the Boyne Theater were discussed. Recent visits to other community theaters were discussed along with their methods of operation. Commissioner Gaylord said he doesn't know if now is the time to discuss a millage for funding as people are struggling to keep their homes and put food on the table. Discussion of possible funding to restore the theater took place. With a project of this scale, we will need large donors. Commissioner Gaylord added we should tread lightly and move carefully and slowly, be very cautious about using taxpayer dollars. Look at private funding mechanisms. Mayor Grunch said he would like to see an exit and sustainability plan, along with a feasibility study.

ITEM A4: Gasb 67 & 68 unfunded liabilities coming to the front page of our financial statements.

Commissioners discussed the new GASB statements issued along with timelines. Maybe we should be reminded of this item, and our bond obligations monthly. Discuss of how much of our General Fund is available and how that could possibly be reported to the Commissioners monthly.

ITEM A6: Know your partners. New Commissioners should know the network that brought success to our City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said we all work together. City Manager Cain added that we need to stay humble. Commissioner Sansom said she hears that community members like to come to the meetings. They are comfortable and feel they are not cut off. Commissioner Neidhamer agrees with all that was stated and ties it back to the implementation and maintaining the goals. The end result is achievement.

ITEM A7: Creative State – Impact of Arts and Cultural Events

Commissioner Sansom discussed the impact of Arts and Cultural events. More money is generated in the state from Arts and Cultural related events than in sports and recreation.

Commissioner discussed that communities with strong arts and events have higher student scores, lower poverty rates and that they attract business. Session presenters recommend that communities need to make a list of what they have. Adding murals, statues, etc. all add to the community.

ITEM A8: OTHER

Mayor Pro-Tem Towne discussed a session he attended regarding what people should look for when they are out and about along with what not to pick up. Many materials can be considered hazardous, for example, meth lab materials. Police Chief Gaither said we could also address that in the DARE program.

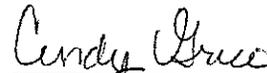
ADJOURNMENT

City Manager Cain thanked the Commissioners for taking time to attend the MML Conference and sharing this information. The Commissioners need to be commended for working on how to apply this information to Boyne City.

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord to adjourn the City Commission work session of October 30, 2012 at 5:03 p.m.



Ron Grunch
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer