

June 2, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Emergency Ohio Sub House Bill 197.

Commission President Cody Caldwell called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Cody C. Caldwell, President (remote access)
 Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (remote access)
 T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President, attended by phone for the reading of O2020-18.

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
 Ronnie Lynch (in person) Karen McCarty (remote access)
 Marvin Ours (remote access) Jeff Boyer (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Concerning COVID-19: More facilities are opening up as State guidelines allow. We are trying to help them work through the restrictions and guidelines. We sent a packet to local restaurants explaining our regulations for temporary outdoor seating. In that, we included a waiver and release of liability form for them to sign indicating their compliance and releasing the City from any related liability. Buffalo Wild Wings requested a letter of support of local businesses and to continue their temporary outdoor seating following all requirements and guidelines. They needed this for the Division of Liquor Control.
- The list this month for utility delinquencies has reached \$18,000 and growing. Because the State mandated that we cannot shut off service to delinquent accounts during the emergency period, we are working with the State to see if we can get some financial assistance. We are still sending out notices, but they are just informational to let customers know how much is still owed on their bills.
- On Monday evening, there was a peaceful protest of the death of George Floyd, which included a march from the City Park to the Courthouse and speeches by organizers and various community leaders. Many expressed appreciation to our local law enforcement officers, including Sheriff Champlin and Chief Boyer, for their support and leadership. Commission President Caldwell also attended and spoke at the event.
- Gallipolis in Bloom is in the process of hanging baskets in town. The flower watering truck will be making their rounds again to maintain the baskets.
- State Rt. 588 has been totally closed around the area of the slips since Memorial Day. There has been additional material coming down since the original slip, extending into both lanes of traffic. We received approval from ODOT for repairs on the original slip, but still are seeking funding for the whole landslide. We have been receiving complaints from some residents about the increased traffic load on Henkle Avenue arising from the closure.
- The electric recharging stations are almost done.

- The target date to open the pool is Saturday, June 13th. There are still some maintenance items to finish before opening. Both diving boards have been repaired. Mr. Lozier described additional cleaning and other measures being taken for COVID-19. We will be working closely with the Health Department to assure safe operations. There will be two 2 ½ hour sessions with one hour for cleaning between. We will also have private parties, water walkers, and the adult morning swim. There was discussion of whether to offer season passes. One suggestion was to offer some kind of “two seasons for one” price deal, but nothing was settled on.
- At the end of May, revenues to the General Fund were down by about 9%. We continue to monitor the budget. We are looking at grants and CARES Act money that might be available for fire and police payroll.

The City Auditor presented the following invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$5,244.81 from AEP for April street lights. Inv: 4/28/20. PO: 5/1/20.
- \$4,961.07 from OVB for parking lot bond. Inv: 5/6/20. PO: 5/1/20.
- \$19,407.79 from OVB for fire equipment bond. Inv: 5/6/20. PO: 5/1/20.
- \$14,561.39 from OVB for road improvements bond. Inv: 5/6/20. PO: 5/1/20.
- \$26,229.42 from Rumpke for April refuse pick-up. Inv: 4/21/20. PO: 5/1/20.
- \$5,000 from Henschen for 2020 annual fees (Court). Inv: 5/14/20. PO: 5/19/20.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Gallagher mentioned that Mr. George Arnott is retiring after 42 years of service with Gallia Meigs Community Action. He also stated that we are very lucky to have our City and County Law Enforcement Officers.

Mr. Fulks joined the meeting at this point by speaker phone. There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2020-18 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


 Clerk, City Commission


 President, City Commission