

April 6, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 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, joined the meeting by telephone with reading of legislation.

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)
Kayla Hawthorne, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
Ronnie Lynch (in person) Marvin Ours (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections or additions, these minutes were approved. Commission also received the minutes of the March 23, 2021 work session prior to this meeting. Mr. Sang asked for clarification in the wording of the discussion of the SWOTS (on page 1) to reflect that he was summarizing discussion of the weaknesses identified by Commissioners. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The work session on March 23rd went well with many topics covered. Mr. Lozier plans to prepare a summary to aid Commissioners in forming priorities.
- There have been questions on when the building could reopen from COVID restrictions. We are still following state guidance in not reopening, but allowing for visitors in certain areas of the building by appointment only. We will continue monitoring state guidelines.
- We received a request for a letter of support from Buckeye Hills Career Center for an ARC grant that they are seeking. It is for funding of job training programs in such areas as CDL training, broadband communications, heavy equipment operators and engineering, and heavy diesel mechanics. A copy of the letter was included in the Commission packets.
- The County has also asked today for a letter of support for an ARC grant for a new airport terminal.
- The resolution on tonight's agenda is for the Solid Waste Management Plan, which is updated every fifteen years. A copy of the executive summary was included in Commission packets. The summary included the warning that after 2023, projected revenue shortfalls will require the cutting of support to the Sheriff and Health Departments for their litter/trash pick-up programs. They project more recycling and less disposal.

The City Auditor presented the March 2021 Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Sang made a motion to approve the March Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The following invoices over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$9,493.09 from Citco Water for meter and flange set. Inv: 2/28/21. PO: 3/9/21.

- \$26,775.85 from Rumpke for February trash service. Inv: 2/16/21. PO: 3/1/21.

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

Mr. Gallagher talked about two new businesses coming to town.

Mr. Sang mentioned that natural gas prices have increased recently. He asked the City Manager to check with our aggregator (Volunteer Energy) to see why this happened.

Mr. Brown asked if R & R Pipeline is still in town. Mr. Lozier affirmed that they are still working on Eastern Avenue, as well as pursuing a project on Grape Street. Mr. Brown mentioned some problems with bricks in the sidewalks, valve covers, and the placement of some regulators. He would like a post-project meeting with R & R Pipeline and Columbia Gas. Mr. Lozier suggested waiting until after Mr. Grubaugh does his walk-through of the project to see what results that brings.

Mr. Fulks joined the meeting at this point by telephone. Mr. Gallagher had problems with his internet connection and also joined by telephone earlier in the meeting.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2021-01 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS & VINTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**. Mr. Brown made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Mr. Gallagher asked the City Solicitor if he should abstain from discussions and voting due to his position on the Solid Waste Management Board. She advised that he should abstain. Upon voice vote to place this resolution on first reading, Mr. Gallagher abstained. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2021-07 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2021-04 SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Ms. Landers briefly listed the proposed changes. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-08 entitled **AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY RUNNING EAST-WEST LOCATED BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND AVENUE**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Mr. Sang asked where the alley is. Ms. Noe answered that it is at the Courthouse parking lot. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes. Ms. Noe stated that the ordinance died for lack of majority.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**. Mr. Brown made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission