

February 2, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 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 Fulks, Vice President (in person)  
 Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)  
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (remote access)  
 T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)  
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)  
 Shelly Clonch, Assistant City Auditor (in person)  
 Gene Greene, Gallia County Commissioner (in person)  
 Ronnie Lynch (in person)                      Marvin Ours (remote access)  
 Karen McCarty (remote access)              Jeff Boyer (remote access)  
 Whitney Vilfer (remote access)              Kayla Hawthorne (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the January 5 and 19, 2021 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

*Privilege of Floor* was granted to County Commissioner Gene Greene. Mr. Lozier prefaced this by requesting executive session for a potential legal matter, but invited any general questions for Mr. Greene. Mr. Greene spoke of the need for the City, County, and State to work well together especially on economic development. Currently, the County Commission meets every Thursday, beginning at 9 a.m. President Caldwell asked if they might consider evening meetings. Mr. Greene responded that they may in future have an evening meeting once per month to allow more working residents to attend.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- In response to a question at an earlier meeting, Mr. Lozier gathered information on usage so far for the electric recharging stations. From September to January, the electric charging stations have had 30 uses, averaging \$15 to \$17/charge, and generating \$270 in total revenues. We spend an average of \$75/month for the electric. This means that we are down about \$100 between revenues and expenses. We expect usage to increase as people become more aware and electric vehicles become more common. Break even for us will be around eight to ten charges per month. November to January saw six to seven. Mr. Gallagher said that GM is planning to go all electric in the next fourteen years.
- According to Karen Smith on the Gallipolis in Bloom Committee, their water truck is in need of replacement. Any leads on a good replacement would be appreciated.
- Concerning the stuffed buzzard for the pool, we just need to cut a check to get that order going forward.
- Also on the pool, we have around \$40,000 from the State's Capital bill, as well as about \$50,000 left over from the ODNR grant for pool repairs. We are still seeking donations for any shortfalls in funding the necessary repairs to the roof, pump system, lighting, and other refurbishments. We hope to begin the major repairs at the end of the 2021 pool season.

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- Crews have been working on snow and ice removal, as well as water line breaks due to the cold. There were two water main breaks in the last few days on Portsmouth Road and SR588. He asked people to report any problems that they see.

The City Auditor presented the following invoices over \$3,000:

- \$4,935.95 from AEP for street lighting for phone system renewal. Inv: 12/31/20. PO: 1/7/21.
- \$26,979.68 from Rumpke for December refuse pick-up. Inv: 12/17/20. PO: 1/4/21.
- \$3,771.51 from Superfleet for December fuel. Inv: 1/12/21. PO: 1/20/21.

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

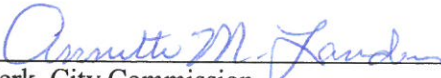
President Caldwell recognized the kindness and many contributions of Ms. Bobbie Holzer, an active member of our Community who passed away this week at 99 years of age. Condolences are extended to her family and many other loved ones and friends.

Mr. Sang asked about the ODNR Paddling Enhancement Grant, which is a \$75,000 grant for enhancing water accessibility for kayaks and other non-motorized watercraft. Mr. Lozier said that Mr. Bostic is managing the grant application, which Mr. Lozier signed yesterday. It has been forwarded on to the Ohio Division of Parks and Watercraft for their consideration.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2021-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PADDLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to enter executive session for pending legal matters, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Caldwell announced that there would be no business following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

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

  
 Clerk, City Commission

  
 President, City Commission