

November 3, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 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)

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)  
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)  
 Ronnie Lynch (in person)      Karen McCarty (remote access)  
 Jeff Boyer (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- ODOT Projects (SR588 Slip Repairs): Allen Stone has started work on the retaining wall, which should take a couple of weeks. The \$1.2 million portion of the project is essentially complete. The other portion of the project, to be done from the other grant, will be completed in time to open the road before Christmas.
- The Chillicothe Road Water/Sewer Line & Slip Repair is going well and includes replacement of water line, sewer line and culverts.
- Paving work has been done on Third, Vine, and Court and begins tomorrow on Locust. Next week, they will do striping and finish work by the end of the week.
- We are considering putting in two to four speed bumps in the Public Use Area. Work on this will be completed by the end of next week. We may use removable ones in a couple of the places, so they will not impede activity around the boat launch.
- The County has asked the City to vacate the alleyway behind the Gallia County Courthouse. They need it for their jail. They promise that this will not adversely affect maneuverability around the parking lot.
- Mr. Lozier requested executive session to discuss pay.

The City Auditor reported that the City received \$57,981.56 from Ohio BWC for our policy year 2019 dividend. The letter with it says that it can be "spent as we wish." This is the same instruction that we received earlier this year for a dividend from policy year 2018. Commission determined at that time to use it all in the General Fund. That is the recommendation of management for this rebate as well. Mr. Brown made a motion to put the entire BWC rebate in the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending legal matters.

Mr. Gallagher announced that Gallia Meigs Community Action has received in excess of \$377,000 to help people with utility bill, rent, and mortgage payments. The money must be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>. He asked for help in getting the word out.

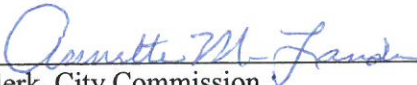
Mr. Brown commented on the following:

- He has had several complaints about the sidewalk work related to the Columbia Gas Project. They are very hard to go across in places. He feels that the contractor, R&R Pipelines, is dragging their feet in getting the work completed.
- He also expressed traffic safety concerns arising from the construction of balconies on the Lafayette Building. In his opinion, not only does this look deplorable, but it makes it even harder for traffic to safely turn left from Court Street onto Second Avenue.
- The two used car lots near Mill Creek on Eastern Avenue need cleaning up again. Mr. Greene worked on this when he was City Manager, but the situation has deteriorated again. There was some discussion of what was done in the past to address the issue. He has also received complaints regarding property doing business as Graham's Towing. There are at least thirty junk vehicles parked there in violation of Gallipolis Codified Ordinance Section 723.08, which requires placement of a concealing fence around junk yards.
- Gallipolis in Lights has begun putting up lights in the City Park. Mr. Brown warned that the heavy bucket trucks being used are doing damage to the rain-soaked grassy areas. They should be restricted to use only from the perimeter of the Park. He suggested using lighter scissors lifts inside the Park. Also, two lamp posts were damaged in putting up or taking down lights. He said that Gallipolis in Lights should pay for fixing or replacing them. Lastly, he said that Gallipolis in Lights should at least share in the cost of electricity for their lights.

Mr. Gallagher agreed that blocking of sidewalks by cars is a problem for wheelchairs. Mr. Brown stated that he has pictures of many violations, adding that the town is a mess from one end to the other. He said that he has returned over 150 shopping carts to Walmart.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Personnel/pay and pending legal matters, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. 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