

January 17, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallipolis Municipal Courtroom on Olive Street, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter. (This meeting was preceded by a public hearing on the new administrative office building at 6:30 p.m. At the public hearing, Mr. Randy Breech, engineer for the project, showed diagrams and described the proposed building and changes to the municipal parking lot.)

Commission President Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President
Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
James A. Cozza, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
Michelle L. Miller, Gallia Hometown Herald
Tony Gallagher Clint Patterson Marvin Vanderberg
Dick Moore Ronnie Lynch Max Uhl
Joy Elliott Mary Saxon Charles Hodges
Jim Eutsler Keith Elliott Jeremy O'Dell
Lori Bailey Sydney Charnock Randy Breech
Sandee Saxon Jim Johnson Bill Gene Johnson
Tom White Dottie Chestnut Dean Mays
Kevin Plantz Kim Elliott Tim Neekamp
John Elliott

Commission received the minutes of the December 20, 2011 and January 2 and 3, 2012 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- FEMA disaster team – Two hundred feet of Hedgewood Drive may be approved. They should have an answer this week on the cemetery roads. They are looking at two other sites, as well.
- Justice Center – The catch basins are installed and the sewer line connected. Work is coming along well.
- New Cemetery Road – The engineer's report is expected this week. Mr. Finney again expressed confidence that the repairs will not be too costly.
- Chillicothe Road sewer line– The engineer for E. L. Robinson has determined that the line would need to go twenty feet deep, which would be unsatisfactory for several reasons. Because of this, they are now looking into a re-design to find a less costly alternative.
- The Chamber of Commerce dinner is on January 26th at 5:30 p.m. Ticket orders must be in by tomorrow for Commissioners wishing to attend.

- OPWC meets in Piketon on Wednesday, January 25th for a short meeting. Mr. Finney must attend.
- Commissioner Matt Johnson was unable to attend this meeting because his work schedule has changed to second shift. He will only be able to attend one evening meeting per month. Mr. Finney asked the Commissioners if they would consider either meeting during the day or on Saturday. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners decided that Saturday meetings would not be better.
- Demolition of houses – They are very close to being able to proceed with demolition of the house on Second Avenue, across from Foodland. The owner has agreed to allow demolition and placement of the cost on his property taxes. They are also working on the property in the 700 block of Third Avenue.
- Digital River Project – Ohio Valley Bank will be presenting their donation on January 27th, at 10:30 a.m.
- Budget hearings need to be scheduled. Mr. Cremeens cannot meet the next two Saturdays. This will give the City Manager additional time to meet with the department heads to refine their budget requests.
- The new City website, www.cityofgallipolis.com, is up and running now. He demonstrated the features on the website for those present. Mr. Finney invited suggestions for items to add. He said that the department heads will have an easier time uploading information onto the new site.

The City Auditor presented the December 2011 Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Cozza made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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

- \$15,741.00 from Creative Microsystems (CMI) for annual software support. Invoice date: 11/18/11. P.O. date: 1/3/12.
- \$19,049.66 from Travelers Insurance for quarterly property and liability insurance. Invoice date: 12/12/11. P.O. date: 1/3/12.

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

The City Solicitor reported that he met with the tax department last week to explore ways to save money in processing tax returns.

Mr. Salisbury also met with representatives of the receivership company that is handling the property next to the Post Office. He and Mr. Bostic are sending them a new demand for nuisance abatement. He explained for the Commissioners the legal ramifications of a receivership and expressed confidence that this company would work with the City to resolve past issues.

President Cremeens asked for volunteers to serve on several committees as follows:

- Family and Children First Council – Lori Bailey served on this committee last term. Mr. Cozza offered to serve on the committee this term. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. Cozza to this committee, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Threat Risk Assessment - Lori Bailey served on this committee last term. Mr. Wallis offered to serve this term. Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Mr. Wallis to this committee, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Aid to Dependent Firefighters – Steve Wallis served last term. Mr. Finney told the Commission that Mr. Johnson had offered to serve this term. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

- Ariel Theatre – Mr. Johnson served last term. Mr. Brown offered to serve this term. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. Brown to this committee, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Gallipolis in Bloom – Mr. Cremeens served last term. Mr. Cozza offered to serve this term. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. Cozza to this committee, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Our House Museum – Mr. Johnson served last term. Mr. Brown offered to serve this term. Mr. Cozza made a motion to appoint Mr. Brown to this committee, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

President Cremeens will serve, by virtue of office, on the OVRDC committee, CIC Executive Committee, and the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste Authority.

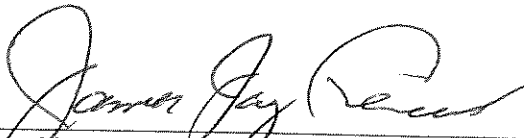
Mr. Cozza told the other Commissioners that he had received a letter from the Family and Children First Council saying that each of the groups serving on the council must pay \$1,000 per year unless a waiver is granted. The City is required to serve on this board. After a short discussion, the Commission asked Mr. Salisbury to request a waiver.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2012-01 entitled **EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO LORI F. BAILEY FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HER.** Mr. Cozza made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. President Cremeens asked Ms. Bailey to come forward. He expressed the City's appreciation for her services and presented the award to her.

Mr. Cozza mentioned that the County Commission was getting rid of their contractor on the Kanauga – Addison Sewer Project. He asked Ms. Landers if the budgeted revenues for the sewer department included any projected revenues from this project. Ms. Landers answered that they did not. Given the delays, she did not include them.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission