

February 1, 2011

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallipolis Municipal Courtroom on Olive Street, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James Cozza called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James A. Cozza, President
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President
 Lori F. Bailey, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, 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
 Ronnie Lynch Tony Gallagher Gene Angel
 Marvin Vanderberg Dottie Chestnut Claudia Miller
 Clint Patterson Lesley Matson Janet Johnson

Commission received the minutes of the January 18 and 20, 2011 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Hedgewood Drive - H. C. Nutting's quote for core drillings, drawings, and engineering was \$23,900. Mr. Cozza asked if this included any work at the new building site on Second Avenue. Mr. Finney said that the quote for those core drillings was \$5,750 or \$4,750 if done at the same time as the work on Hedgewood. There would be fourteen drillings on Hedgewood and four on the lot. Their work would be useful no matter whether we go with caissons or a different solution. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve the work, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.
- OVRDC Survey - Commissioners need to give feedback from the survey for Ms. Hollis. There was discussion of brainstorming at the meeting on Saturday.
- Eastern Avenue water problem – Mr. Finney now has the drawings and is discussing with the property owner what must be done. The drawings show a five foot drop across the property, with 24 or 36 inch tile to divert the water to the pond.
- Signs at Second and Sycamore – ODOT installed three signs and three arrows, but they need to come back and finish the work. The barricades at First and Sycamore and Third and Sycamore are in now and ready to install when the weather breaks.
- The property management meeting with the County is Thursday at 6 p.m.
- The Code Enforcement report has been updated. Commissioners were invited to pose any questions they might have.
- Mr. Finney attended the regional broadband meeting in Athens on January 19th. Verizon has begun some work in the area, such as around the hospital.

- Mayor's meeting – Mr. Finney asked if anyone was interested in attending the meeting on February 10th. Mr. Cozza said he might be able to attend. Mr. Wallis was interested, as well.
- Budget meeting is Saturday, February 5th, at 10 a.m.
- Jim Davis is checking vending machine and other amusement licenses to make sure they are all in compliance.
- Commission candidate letters and petitions are available. Petitions are due at the Board of Elections, with a copy to City Clerk's Office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 17th.
- OPWC meets in Piketon on Wednesday at 6 p.m. to decide which projects will receive funding.
- The architect from Panich & Noel has quoted a price of \$1,950 for design work for the new Law Enforcement Center. A meeting is scheduled for input from the Commissioners at Mr. Breech's office on Tuesday, February 8th, at 2 p.m. Ms. Bailey said she could attend. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wallis were not sure that they could attend. Mr. Cremeens thought he might. If Mr. Cremeens cannot attend, he should let Mr. Wallis know.
- Mr. Finney sent out some of the departmental objectives to the Commissioners. He is still working with the department heads to get their input. His information is helpful in the budgetary process.
- Fire Department Contracts – Commissioners need to decide whether to enforce the earlier ordinance to collect fees from insurance companies for fires, if such fees are included in the policy. After some discussion, the Commissioners decided to invite the township trustees to a special session to discuss the issue with them.
- Old City Building – Employees are in the process of cleaning out items they want to keep in preparation of demolition. It is costing \$1,000 per month to heat the building.
- Mr. Finney will be taking a personal day on Friday.

The City Auditor presented for approval of payment an invoice for \$4,026.06 from AEP for street lights. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote to approve payment, Mr. Wallis abstained. All other votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked permission to approach the Gallia County Historical Society to temporarily store our sensitive historical documents at their facility. These would include our old minute, ordinance, and resolution books and our cemetery records. The County already has some of their historical records stored with them. The Commission was in favor as long as there was an understanding that the records would still belong to the City and could be retrieved when we are ready.

The City Solicitor gave a brief review of cases listed in the Code Enforcement report. He also informed Commissioners that Wal-Mart has a hearing on their property valuation on April 6th before the State Tax Board. The County Auditor has hired a special attorney to represent our local governments' interests in the case.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2011-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED ON SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION, BEING 1.24 ACRES, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 709.023(D)**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. The property owner is Larry W. Thompson (et al). Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2011-03 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED ON SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION, BEING 1.41 ACRES, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 709.023(D)**. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this resolution

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as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The property owners are John S. & Robin B. Jagers. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2011-04 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED ON SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION, BEING 0.53 ACRES, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 709.023(D)**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. The property owner is Carolyn M. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2011-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED ON SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION, BEING 18.432 ACRES, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 709.023(D)**. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. The property owner is James P. Baird (et al). Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2011-04 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS WILL PROVIDE TO 1.24 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, (Exhibit attached) FOR THE ANNEXATION KNOWN AS 313 SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION BY ADAM R. SALISBURY, AS AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2011-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS WILL PROVIDE TO 1.41 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, (Exhibit attached) FOR THE ANNEXATION KNOWN AS 434 SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION BY ADAM R. SALISBURY, AS AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2011-06 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS WILL PROVIDE TO 0.53 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, (Exhibit attached) FOR THE ANNEXATION KNOWN AS 448 SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION BY ADAM R. SALISBURY, AS AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS**. Ms. Bailey made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2011-07 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS WILL PROVIDE TO 18.432 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, (Exhibit attached) FOR THE ANNEXATION KNOWN AS 530 SPRUCE STREET EXTENSION BY ADAM R. SALISBURY, AS AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS**. Ms. Bailey made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

At President Cozza's request, Mr. Salisbury briefly described the annexation process for those in attendance. The City first approaches the property owners to see if they are interested in annexation. If

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they are, then they appoint Mr. Salisbury as their agent. The City passes a resolution, consenting to the annexation and an ordinance listing services that the City will provide. Certified copies of the resolutions and ordinances go to the township trustees of the township in which the property is located. If they formally consent by vote to the annexation, it next goes to the County Commission. It is published in the newspaper for a period of time, after which the County Commission votes. It is a long process with many parties having input in the process.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter executive session to discuss purchase and sale of property as set forth in ORC Section 121.22(G)(2), seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Cozza announced that there would be no action following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission