

February 4, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Steven Wallis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Steven E. Wallis, President  
Michael W. Brown, Member  
Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member  
W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager  
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
Ronnie Lynch                      Joy Elliott                      Marvin Vanderberg  
Clint Patterson                      Keith Elliott                      Michelle Miller  
Kyla Carpenter                      Pat Tackett                      Bryan Long  
John Chilmonik

Commission received the minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

*Privilege of Floor* was extended to Ms. Michelle Miller of the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the River Recreation Festival. Ms. Miller spoke about their concerns of where to place the rides for this year's event. She needs to know how much space will be available to them before contacting the amusement ride vendor. Mr. Finney told her that the Park Board has not met yet to discuss the matter, but may meet the last week of February. After some discussion, Ms. Miller offered to work up a request, showing the weight and measurements of rides that they have used in the past. Everyone concerned wanted to avoid the problems created from last year's rains and the placement of rides on the park grounds.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- There will be a meeting with GDC on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.
- The Police Department would like to participate, as part of a group of concerned citizens, in a dodge ball tournament sometime in March to benefit a sick child.
- We need a volunteer to present a proclamation for Heart Month in the Cardiovascular Department at Holzer Hospital on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. President Wallis offered to attend.
- The City will be the featured presenter at the next First Friday, to be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m., at the Ohio Valley Bank Annex in the 100 Block of Third Avenue. Commissioners were invited to attend.
- There will be a meeting about road projects tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at the County Engineer's Office.

- There have been a number of water line breaks over the last few days, which the water department has been working diligently to fix. The extremely cold weather has been a major contributor to the on-going problems.
- Mr. John Chilmonik, the property owner of the house at 640 Fourth Avenue, has requested that his property be added to the approved list for the demolition grant. Mr. Johnson made a motion to add it to the bottom of the list for if funding allows, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. In discussion, Mr. Chilmonik explained that the house has been destroyed on the inside by renters. He was asked his plans for the property once the house is demolished. He responded that he planned to use the land for a vegetable garden. Mr. Brown made arrangements with Mr. Chilmonik to see the inside of the house. Mr. Gallagher asked if Lynn Angell's house had been added to the list from her earlier appeal. Mr. Finney answered that it had. Upon voice vote on the motion, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.
- Mr. Finney requested executive session for personnel and legal matters.

Ms. Landers presented October 2013 donations of \$6,756.38 from various donors for Gallipolis in Lights, \$50 from Ms. Bev Dunkle for the City Park Brick Project, \$950 from the Gallipolis Elks Lodge for a flag for Fortification Hill, and \$1,851 from the Gallipolis Retail Merchants for a swing for the parkfront in Memory of Ms. Lori Neal; November 2013 donations of \$5,972 for Gallipolis in Lights (various donors) and \$350 from various donors for the Brick Project; and December 2013 donations from various donors of \$1,263 for Gallipolis in Lights and \$400 for the Brick Project. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept these donations, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor requested that the Commission table Resolution R2014-05 on tonight's agenda until it can be adopted as an emergency.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Gallipolis in Lights Committee is planning a 5K event to be held on First Avenue on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The race will begin before dark, but end after dark. This caused safety concerns for some Commissioners.

President Wallis commended Waste Management for calling to report that trash pick-up would be delayed due to the weather.

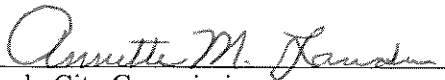
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading a Resolution No. R2014-03 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (AEP) FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY, 1547 CHATHAM AVENUE, GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, Mr. Wallis abstained. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADAM R. SALISBURY AS THE CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 20 AND 21 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to table the resolution, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2014-07 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ODNR BOATING AND FISHING ACCESS GRANT THROUGH THE**

**COOPERATIVE BOATING FACILITY GRANT FOR GALLIPOLIS PUBLIC USE AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT IF AWARDED.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown asked what improvements this grant would fund. Mr. Finney answered that it was to fund the parking and boat dock area. There is no local match required. There will be a docking area for the large riverboats.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters concerning the Police Department and legal matters concerning an EEOC claim and lease of property, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes. 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.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission