

February 15, 2011

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, February 15, 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 Clint Patterson
 Marvin Vanderberg Dottie Chestnut Claudia Miller

Commission received the minutes of the February 1, 2011 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Signs at Second and Sycamore – Mr. Finney showed pictures of the new signs that have been installed at this intersection. He told Commissioners that salt has eaten the street striping off of the road, but workers plan to re-paint during the warmer weather predicted for this week.
- City Building – Employees are still preparing for the move. Mr. Finney has contacted the owner of the old J. D. North Produce Co. building, which has a bay large enough to accommodate the fire truck. It would cost \$700 per month to rent. It would need to be exterminated. Mr. Wallis suggested putting in a building near the Cemetery Sexton's home at the foot of Mound Hill, which would function as office for the Sexton with a bay for the fire truck.
- The architect from Panich & Noel is planning to come back tomorrow around 1 to 1:30 p.m. Commissioners were invited to attend and/or provide comment.
- OVRDC Survey - Commissioners need to fill out the survey. President Cozza suggested taking a few minutes at the end of tonight's meeting for this purpose.
- The Board of Elections will be meeting on Friday at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a new polling place. This was in response to the Commission's earlier request to move the polling place on Mill Creek Road to one that would be more accessible to voters walking to the polling place. There were safety concerns about the lack of sidewalks along Mill Creek.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the appointments of Kevin Lewis, Shane Plantz, and Barney Molnar as reserve officers in the Gallipolis Police Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Chief Patterson told the Commissioners that there are presently two or three active reserve officers. Reserve Officers receive no pay. All three of these men have completed basic training. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Finney requested executive session for legal issues concerning purchase and sale of property.

The City Auditor presented the January Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote to approve, all votes were yes.

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Ms. Landers presented a \$50 donation from Ms. India Cullen to the Canine Cop Fund. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept this donation, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to accept the donation, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor gave a brief review of recent cases filed. He requested executive session to discuss court action on a specific case involving enforcement of the floodway code.

Mr. Cremeens asked about action taken to address complaints concerning dogs barking in the 500 block of Fourth Avenue. In discussion, Mr. Finney said that the owner has been cited, but the problem is on-going. The dogs were left when their original owner passed away. The owner has a court date coming up.

Mr. Wallis asked if anything could be done to more clearly mark the end of Roberts Lane. An out-of-town truck driver, relying on his GPS unit to get him around a traffic diversion due to the sewer work in Kanauga, ended up driving off the end of Roberts Lane into a snow drift. Roberts Lane ends on private property, so a sign could not be installed at the end, but perhaps a sign could be placed somewhere indicating that it is not a through street. Mr. Finney will look into the matter.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2011-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ODNR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR SPECIAL VENUE RECYCLING, AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF AWARDED.** Ms. Bailey made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney explained that the 2012 grant was for fourteen recycling receptacles for the parks. A 50% local match of \$9,365 would be required. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2011-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL FROM THE LEDGERS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS UTILITY BILLING OFFICE CERTAIN PAST DUE ACCOUNTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Ms. Landers told the Commissioners that these were the write-offs associated with the accounts settled last year. Most involve tenants' late fees and shut off fees. A few are for consumption on inactive accounts where the owners were not informed in a timely manner. Thanks to the vigorous efforts of the City Manager and the Utility Department, those issues are now being addressed in a timelier manner, which should result in fewer write-offs of consumption in the future. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

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) and legal issues/court action floodway code for enforcement as set forth in ORC Section 121.22(G)(3), seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Cozza announced that there would be no action following executive session. The Commission will fill out the OVRDC survey following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session. Commissioners filled out the survey as a group. They set next Tuesday, February 22nd, for a special meeting to discuss purchase and sale of property.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission