

February 18, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, February 18, 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
James Jay Cremeens, Vice-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
Carrie Gloeckner, Gallia Hometown Herald
Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
Keith Elliott Ronnie Lynch

Commissioners received the corrected minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting, as well as the minutes of the February 4 & 12, 2014 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- For the joint meeting at GDC, Commissioners will meet at the Municipal Building at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 27th. They will travel from there to reconvene at GDC at 11 a.m.
- The City Manager will be attending the OVRDC meeting on Thursday. He asked President Wallis to sign a letter of endorsement from the City Commission for the Green Township Sewer.
- Mr. Finney reported on overtime and water sales related to the recent water contamination incident in West Virginia.
- Mr. Finney requested executive session for personnel and legal matters.

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

Commissioners discussed when to have the next budget session. They set the next session for Wednesday, February 26th, at 5:30 p.m.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending lawsuits and employee issues in the police department.

Mr. Cremeens complimented the Streets Department for their efforts to keep the streets clear during all of the recent snows.

Mr. Gallagher asked if anyone knew whether the Parkfront Restaurant was opening back up. Mr. Brown responded that he had heard that it was opening back up in March.

President Wallis mentioned the dedication of the sign on the river front. Mr. Finney confirmed the date as April 25th. They also talked about when the Park Board would be meeting. This is set for March 4th.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he had heard that the symphony would not be performing at this year's River Recreation Festival.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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 THE GALLIPOLIS PUBLIC USE AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT IF AWARDED.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-08 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED, FOR SAM'S CLUB COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM OF THE GALLIPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. In discussion, Mr. Finney explained that this was a 100% grant, with no local match required and was to add equipment to what he currently has on-hand. President Wallis cautioned that we need to make sure that the equipment purchased will meet any new standards. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending lawsuits and a workers compensation case in the Police Department, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session. There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission