

May 18, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 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 (arrived later)
 Michelle Terry, Assistant City Auditor/Clerk
 Amber Fellure, Assistant City Solicitor
 Michelle Miller, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Dottie Chestnut Roberta Holzer
 Carol Cremeens Clint Patterson Claudia Miller
 Craig Simpkins Bill Gene Johnson Josh Bodimer
 Jan Thaler

Commission received the minutes of the May 4th and 7th, 2010 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Spruce Street Project: the water portion of the project should take about two more weeks. They are doing a nice job keeping the area cleaned behind them. Overall, residents have been positive.
- Demolition of houses is going smoothly One came down today and two more are scheduled for this week. There are some other ones under consideration. They are working on the paperwork, hoping to get the worst ones done within the grant.
- Mosquito control program: Two Commissioners need to sign the letter for the mosquito control program through the Gallia County Health Department. It will cost around \$2,500 to \$3,000 for spraying during the summer months.
- Sidewalk repairs are progressing well, with most property owners responding quickly to their letters.
- Pool slide: It will cost \$6,500 to re-coat the slide, considerably less expensive than replacement at \$140,000. The work will be covered by warranty.
- The America in Bloom judges will be here on June 21st and 22nd. Commissioners are invited to attend the dinners and other functions.
- Mr. Finney attended ICS 300 Training a couple of weekends ago. ICS 400 Training will be Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13. All elected officials also must take the ICS Trainings.

- David Kerns on Pinecrest Drive has requested new sewer and water taps to split off the ones he already has on his combined properties. He is planning to sell one of his properties, which is why he needs separate taps. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve these taps, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- There was discussion of Gallipolis Island. The Corps of Engineers wants to re-stabilize the banks.
- It will cost around \$2,000 to have our own workers improve drainage on the portion of Hedgewood Drive that Mr. Fulks complained of during Privilege of Floor.
- The City received the CDBG Grant to pave the area on Fortification Hill and Haskins Park. This will likely be in next year's budget.
- The Haz-Mat Drill on Saturday went very well. Mr. Woodall is planning chlorine training to involve the fire department as well as the water and sewer plant workers.
- Wal-Mart's grand reopening is scheduled for this Friday at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners are invited.
- Reminded Commissioners of the Gallia County Genealogical Society's letter requesting a portion of the bed tax revenues. President Cozza provided background information on how the bed tax revenues are currently distributed. He asked the Commissioners to be thinking about what their response should be to this request so that they can give a response in the next few weeks.
- Chris Walker, currently a member of the Gallipolis Volunteer Fire Department, is interested in becoming a reserve officer in the Gallipolis Police Department. Mr. Cremeens made a motion approving his appointment, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Garfield Avenue paving: Mr. Finney discussed with ODOT the need to pave Garfield Avenue. Next year, they plan to pave Second Avenue to the BP station on Vine Street. The City may need to do something to remedy the problem, since it is getting very bad. Mr. Wallis mentioned that, because we are a village, the State would be undertaking the cost of sidewalk repairs along Second Avenue. Mr. Finney replied that he had informed Dave Walters not to do those sidewalk repairs. The State is coming down sometime this month to talk about these repairs.
- The French Art Colony presented the City with an award for business support of the arts at their recent dinner.
- Trash in 2 ½ Alley: Mr. Finney told the Commissioners that they plan to place a securely locked, fenced compactor in 2 ½ Alley to resolve the problem with trash. It will be dumped three times per week and is expected to accommodate the needs of the businesses involved. The property owners will continue to exercise ownership and responsibility for the area.
- Fifty-three letters have been sent out for weeds and high grass. Most of these have been taken care of by the property owners. As with past practice, those who do not respond will be charged for the service ultimately against their property taxes.
- EMA/Haz-Mat Training is scheduled for June 16th. Mr. Wallis said that they plan to use the dam as a drill for a simulated terrorist attack. It will be excellent training for our first responders.

Mr. Cremeens brought up the complaint on Waste Management's report about the person disposing of human excrement in his trash. He asked who owned the property and why this would be occurring. Mr. Finney said he would look into the matter. President Cozza added that there have been animal-related problems at that address in the past. Mr. Cremeens said the fire department had encountered rats there that were the size of cats.

The Assistant Auditor/Clerk presented a liquor license request for the Down Under Restaurant. Mr. Finney explained that two people were removed from the license, leaving Steve Chapman as the remaining owner. This is not a class change, just a change in ownership. Mr. Johnson made a motion not to request a hearing, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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Ms. Terry presented the April Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor has requested executive session for legal matters.

Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve the City Auditor's leave on May 17 and 18, 2010 for CPA CPE as "time worked," motion seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Johnson asked if Portsmouth Road (Route 141) was the State's responsibility or the City's. Mr. Finney answered that it was the City's responsibility. Hedgewood Drive continues to deteriorate, due to the rains.

President Cozza mentioned that Friday, beginning at 10 a.m., would be the annual Meet Your Legislators Day. He asked for suggestions of topics for the City's two-minute allotment of time. He said he planned to mention the Farmers Market and Spruce Street Water and Sewer Improvements. Mr. Wallis suggested mentioning joint projects being undertaken between the City and County to highlight the new atmosphere of cooperation between the two entities.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2010-27 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR THE DAVIS HALL DEMOLITION AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROJECT**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, Mr. Cremeens voted no. All other votes were yes. Ordinance No. O2010-27 was adopted on second reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2010-30 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FACTS FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY FOR OFFICES FOR THE GALLIPOLIS CITY SOLICITOR AND VICTIMS ADVOCATE**. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The rooms will be sublet from FACTS. 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. O2010-31 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR A GENERATOR FOR THE CITY MAINTENANCE GARAGE**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. This is for the portable emergency generator included in the 2010 budget. The actual bid came in considerably lower than the \$50,000 budgeted. 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. O2010-32 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR AN OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (OCJS) PROBATION GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF AWARDED**. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. This is an extension of their earlier grant. 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. O2010-33 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT, IF AWARDED, FOR 2010 EDWARD**

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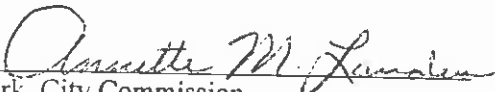
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BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. This is also an extension of an earlier grant, funding the position for a drug enforcement police officer for next year. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Cremeens made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters as set forth in ORC Section 121.22, seconded by Mr. Johnson. President Cozza announced that there would be no business to follow executive session. Upon roll call on the motion 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.


Cassette M. Lammale
Clerk, City Commission


James A. Cozza
President, City Commission