

June 6, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 McKenzie Conley, Gallia County Health Department
 Ronnie Lynch Randy Breech Jeff Boyer
 Erin Buckley Joy Elliott Keith Elliott
 Cody Caldwell Dottie Chestnut Claudia Miller

Commission received the minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Ms. McKenzie Conley, Director of the Tobacco Use Prevention & Cessation Program with the Gallia County Health Department. Ms. McKenzie distributed copies of slides of her talking points. She explained that her program is funded by a grant, which is soon to begin its second year. She went through her slides, which gave an overview of the smoking problem and their effort to encourage communities to designate their properties, including outdoor spaces such as parks, as tobacco-free. Her materials emphasized that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, thus the push to ban smoking even in outdoor, publicly-owned spaces. She submitted signed letters and petitions requesting that the City Commission consider designating the City's parks as tobacco free. In discussions, it was acknowledged that the City has no funding for personnel to enforce such a ban. Ms. McKenzie said that her hope was that people would voluntarily comply with a ban, if instituted. She also mentioned that the Health Department can provide a limited number of pole-mounted receptacles for cigarette butts.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The maintenance crews have completed repairs to the sinkhole at First & Spruce. One developed at First & Cedar, which was repaired today. This was likely due to a crack in the storm line. They have been repairing holes around town as manpower allows.
- The traffic light replacement project is complete. We received invoices today for our share of the project.
- We sent a rough map and cost estimate to the state engineer for the GDC Water Project. This will provide the information they need to apply for budgeting for the project.

- We are awaiting signed contracts from the state for the City Park upgrades. The project will not begin before the July 4th holiday activities in the park.
- The swimming pool is doing well. Attendance has been good so far. Swimming lessons began Monday. We anticipate that this may be our best year in quite some time.
- Bids will be opened on Thursday for steps from the Court Street intersection down to the river front. This will deplete the remaining grant funding for the Riverfront Improvements Project.
- Ms. Angell has been working on securing additional grant funding for the City's projects. She is currently looking into BWC's safety grants, a firefighter's grant, and CDBG funding for pool filters and the Airport Road drainage project. In addition, she is working with AEP to obtain refunds and rebates through their energy saving incentive programs.

Mr. Greene asked the Commission if they would consider raising the fine for parking tickets from the current \$5. This has not increased in many years and does not even cover the cost to have an officer write a ticket. Commissioners indicated a willingness to consider an increase at the next meeting.

The City Auditor presented two invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$7,600 from Jackson Brothers Construction for valve labor and materials. Inv: 5/5/17. PO: 5/24/17
- \$4,311.14 from Smith Buick for fire engine repair (ins. reimbursed). Inv: 5/19/17. PO: 5/23/17

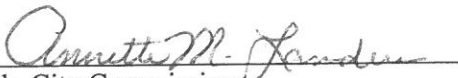
Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to consider a request for free utility service for the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum, LLC. Other non-profit museums and historical societies in town already receive free utility service. Their water consumption should be low, consisting mainly of restroom facilities. They recently signed for service so they will not have to continue to bring in water to clean their brushes while they are painting and cleaning. The Commissioners assented to include this on the next meeting's agenda, retroactive to the first date of service.

The City Solicitor announced that, due to the scheduled delivery of the newest little member of his family, he will not be able to attend the June 20th special meeting this month. In additional business, he stated that the diversion program is going very well, averaging one or more participants per day. There is a code case ready for sentencing at the end of this month. The defendant in that case got a new lawyer.

Mr. Wallis suggested that the special meeting, normally scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, be set back one additional week to June 27th. This would allow the City Solicitor to attend, as well as give additional time to include anything that might come up in advance of the July 4th regular meeting. This should allow the required meeting on July 4th to be lighter, which would benefit those who cannot attend due to the holiday. Everyone present consented to this change. Ms. Landers will e-mail the two Commissioners who are absent tonight to see if they can attend a meeting on the 27th.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission