

June 1, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 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
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Dottie Chestnut Shelley James
 Clint Patterson Claudia Miller

Commission received the minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting 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 is complete. They will begin on the sewer line this week. Mr. Wallis complimented the work done so far as one of the most professional that he has seen.
- Three houses are scheduled for demolition this week, with four more out to bid. A few of the houses on the list have legal matters that must be resolved. The deadline for completion is mid-July.
- Reminder: America in Bloom is set for June 21st and 22nd.
- Of the original 109 letters sent out for sidewalk repairs, only 15 remain to be completed. Property owners have responded very well to this program.
- The administrative offices and police department should be moving to the Jobs and Family Services facility in mid to late July. The accommodations will be tight, but should be adequate.
- Both the American Legion and the Gun Club have recognized members of the Gallipolis Police Department at recent dinners they held.
- The United Way recognized the City for donations received in 2009.
- Gallipolis Patrolman Andrew Holcomb will be honored as an "Everyday Hero" by the Gallia County American Red Cross/Gallipolis Daily Tribune at their breakfast on June 17th. He will be receiving their Lifesaving Award for his work in rescuing a young girl who was attacked by dogs last year.
- Mr. Finney and Chief Patterson have been investigating the benefits of leasing vehicles for the police department. Mr. Finney distributed information on the costs involved, as well as a proposed schedule for leasing to provide optimal coverage at the least cost. The department currently has three Fords and three Chevrolets in their inventory of cruisers. Mr. Finney requested approval to negotiate with the three local dealers for Ford, Chevrolet, and Dodge to try to get the best offer. There could be some savings in dealing with only one brand of vehicle, especially in re-using such equipment as light bars. Following

discussion, the Commissioners were in favor of seeking pricing. The Commissioners can consider an ordinance at the next meeting.

The City Auditor presented for approval an invoice for \$3,735 from Crisenbery Electric for emergency repairs to the underground junction box located at the City Park. The invoice was dated May 24, 2010; the purchase order was dated May 26, 2010. Mr. Finney explained that there was a short in earlier wiring installed by Welsh Electric. The line had several bends in a short length that required replacement of that segment of line. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers reported that she and Mr. Finney met with Ms. Bashore and Mr. Penning of the Performance Audit Division of the Auditor of State's Office. They e-mailed a proposal, breaking down the costs of doing a performance audit. Due to high projected costs, Ms. Landers recommended that the Commission hold off on doing anything to allow time to look into ways to decrease the costs involved.

Ms. Landers introduced Ms. Shelley James of the Wiseman Agency, who was present to answer questions the Commission might have concerning the VSP vision insurance package, which was included in the Commission packets. The Commission discussed the cost of offering the insurance to all full-time employees. Ms. Landers said that the most it would cost would be \$9,908.76 for each of the first two years. Ms. James confirmed that rates would be locked in for the first two years, adding that subsequent increases should be rather modest, based on historical data. The cost could come from the insurance risk account that the Commission already has in place for medical insurance. All full-time employees would be offered coverage, with the option of purchasing coverage for their families at their own expense. Some employees may have coverage already under a spouse's plan and choose to opt out. The Commissioners agreed to think the matter over for the next meeting.

The City Solicitor presented issues involved in annexation at the Cliffside Golf Course included on tonight's agenda. Mr. Salisbury said that he is collecting the required maps and descriptions for the Spruce Street annexations. He went over the process involved in completing annexation of the Golf Course. Mr. Adkins will take the notice to the Gallipolis Township Trustees' meeting for them to sign. Then Mr. Salisbury will take copies to the Gallia County Commission meeting and will publish legal notice in the newspaper. If the City and Township both approve the annexation, then it must go through.

Mr. Salisbury reported that he has talked to Mr. Adkins and Mr. Mulford about putting parcels with outstanding special assessments from the City at the top of their list for foreclosure. They appear willing to work with the City to resolve these issues. In an effort to resolve outstanding legal issues, he also talked to Mr. Mulford about two of the houses on the list for demolition.

The City Solicitor has completed his move to Olive Street. The Municipal Court provided workers through their probation department to help with the move.

Mr. Salisbury requested executive session for two legal matters.

Mr. Cremeens asked if anything has been resolved on the junk yard on Eastern Avenue. Mr. Finney stated that he talked to the responsible individual and she has promised to take care of the problem.

Mr. Finney informed the Commissioners that the City must take the full \$79,000 for the OCJS Drug Task Force Grant, which the City was taking over from the County. There is a 25% local match required. This might require an appropriation change, but the grant has already been approved by ordinance.

President Cozza asked whether the Commission was ready to look at the possibility of a pay increase for the employees. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to postpone further consideration to later in the year.

President Cozza asked if the City should consider other methods of collection of items placed for special assessments. He said that it seems that every year the same people appear on the list of special assessments. This led to a discussion of using every vehicle available to the City to deal with these situations, such as the assessment of fines that are already on the books or taking people to court. Mr. Finney agreed saying that he and Mr. Bostic have been actively pursuing those in violation.

President Cozza said he spoke to the director of the Veterans Services office about repairs to the Doughboy monument. Ms. Landers said that the City did not have custodial control over the money for the Veterans monument or for the Kerr Memorial.

President Cozza praised the City workers for the fine job they did in covering the portable stage.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2010-17 entitled **A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, BEING 52.072 ACRES, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 709.023(D)**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2010-34 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-09, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-24, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-35 entitled **AN ORDINANCE INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS WILL PROVIDE TO 52.072 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, MAP AND DESCRIPTION ARE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBITS "A" AND "B", FOR THE ANNEXATION KNOWN AS THE CLIFFSIDE GOLF CLUB ANNEXATION BY ADAM R. SALISBURY, AS AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS**. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Ms. Bailey. There was a short discussion of services already available to that area. They are currently on GDC's water service. Because they are a commercial user, they would not be included in the City's contract with Waste Management. Mr. Salisbury pointed out that even though the annexed land is not currently able to access some of the services promised, they may someday be under a different ownership and usage. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on the first reading, 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 regular session.

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


 Clerk, City Commission


 President, City Commission