

June 15, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, June 15, 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                      Bill Lynch                      Sandee Saxon  
 Bev Dunkle                      Clint Patterson                      Susan Grady  
 Bob Poling                      Brent Saunders

Commission received the minutes of the June 1, 2010 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Ms. Bev Dunkle, representing the Gallipolis in Bloom Committee. Ms. Dunkle thanked the Commissioners for all the support they have given again this year. She urged the Commissioners to attend as many of the events as they are able. RSVP's for meals are due by Friday. She talked about the beautification of entrances to the City, as well as the new baskets on the Vine Street Bridge and work in the parks. She said that the Committee is breaking even so far thanks to many generous local donations. She also praised the qualifications of the judges in this year's contest. President Cozza thanked the volunteers for their hard work.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Spruce Street Project: the water portion of the project is complete. Work began on the sewer line on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Expected completion date is July 14, weather cooperating.
- Four houses were demolished last week, with two more out to bid. A total of eighteen have been demolished under the grant.
- Mr. Finney completed his ICS 400 Training over the weekend. He plans to train the Commissioners on HB9, which should take around 30 to 45 minutes.
- Mr. Finney reminded the Commission of the Gallia County Genealogical Society's request for funding from the lodging tax revenues. A decision should be made before this year's distribution.
- The dumpster in 2 ½ Alley will be installed soon. It will be access-restricted with a coded lock.
- A new NSF policy has been instituted by the City Manager. It stipulates cash, money order, or cashier's check only upon presentation of two or more NSF checks during a rolling twelve-month period. After a year of not accepting checks, an individual may request in writing to have check-writing privileges restored. If violated again, revocation of privileges will be permanent.
- Plans are underway to auction off items in Davis Hall. The public will be invited to come in and bid by July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- A lady from Holzer has asked permission to decorate the City Park in pink in October for breast cancer awareness.
- A property owner on Plum Street, off of Henkle Avenue, would like to donate property to the City. The City Solicitor advised that the City not accept the property without a written contract and at least a token

payment of \$1. Following a short discussion, the City Manager was asked to look over the property to determine its suitability as green space or other public purpose.

- Mr. Finney informed the Commission that the cemetery office is now estimated at \$12,000, which is more than the \$7,000 budgeted. This will require an additional appropriation and transfer from General Fund to the Cemetery Fund.
- The Commissioners were asked if packets could be delivered on Mondays instead of Fridays. This seemed acceptable unless a holiday should fall on Monday, in which case delivery would fall back to the preceding Friday.
- The culvert on Burkhart Lane is collapsing. Replacement will cost around \$6,000 to be split between the City and Gallipolis Township.
- The City has been asked to have police and fire presence with other local emergency responders at the Gallia County Fair and other local events.
- Eight to ten vendors have signed up so far for the Farmers Market, which begins this Saturday. Adjacent property owners have been contacted.
- The office spaces have been measured in the Jobs & Family Services Building. The date set to move the remaining City offices is July 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- WJEH radio is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this week. The City joins in congratulating them for attaining this milestone in their service to our community.

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

Ms. Landers stated that she had received acknowledgement from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the additional \$5 permissive license tax, enacted by the City on May 4, 2010. Copies of their letter were enclosed in the Commission packets. The additional tax will become effective with 2011 license renewals.

Ms. Landers informed the Commissioners that she would be out of the office on Thursday, June 17th and Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> on vacation leave to attend her family reunion.

The City Solicitor stated that the VOCA grant renewal ordinance is on tonight's agenda. He said that this grant program, administered by Ms. Grady, is an invaluable aid to victims. Ms. Grady added that the money for the grant comes from fines paid by perpetrators and from federal dollars. The City and County provide local matching funds.

Mr. Salisbury requested executive session for personnel/legal matters.

Mr. Johnson said that residents of Maple Shade have asked for increased police presence in their neighborhood. During discussion, Chief Patterson stated that the new bike patrol is being used in that area. People may not be as aware of the presence of the bike patrol. The cruiser also goes up and patrols that neighborhood on its rounds.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2010-36 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND THE STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. President Cozza asked what would happen if federal grant funding was no longer available. After a short discussion, it was generally agreed that the program must survive even if federal dollars should evaporate. 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. O2010-37 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

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**FOR OPERATIONS AND SAFETY FOR STABILIZATION EQUIPMENT, SCBA FIT TESTING, AND HIGH BAND PAGERS AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF AWARDED.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. 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. O2010-38 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE GALLIPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. There was a short discussion of the terms of the lease, which is for three vehicles over a three year period. At the end of the lease term, the City may purchase these vehicles for \$1 each, if desired. Chief Patterson noted that forfeiture money can be used for lease payments. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the topic of vision coverage, but decided to delay a decision to coincide with renewal of our medical insurance.

Ms. Bailey made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters as set forth in ORC Section 121.22(G)(1) and legal matters as set forth in ORC Section 121.22, seconded by Mr. Johnson. President Cozza announced that there might be some business to follow executive session. Ms. Gillenwater, representing the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, was given the Clerk's contact information. Upon roll call on the motion to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

Mr. Cremeens made a motion to allow the City Manager to negotiate for a certain lot in the 300 block of Second Avenue, not to exceed fair market value. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Cremeens made a motion to allow the City Manager to negotiate for a certain (other) lot in the 300 block of Second Avenue, not to exceed fair market value. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Johnson made a motion stating that during the tenure of the current City Commission, there have been no violations of Section 34 of the City Charter by the Gallipolis Fire Chief; and any previous issues with the Gallipolis Fire Chief were subject to interpretation of the City officials in office at that time. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon voice vote on the motion, all audible votes were yes.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission