

July 5, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 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
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Mary Lee Marchi Jon Lynch
 Bev Dunkle Janet Johnson Bill Gene Johnson

Commission received the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Bev Dunkle, representing the Gallipolis in Bloom Committee, was granted *Privilege of Floor*. She thanked the Commissioners for their support of the program. She informed the Commissioners that the judges will be in town on Monday, July 11th and Tuesday, July 12th. She distributed copies of their itinerary and highlighted key events, particularly those requiring advance reservations, and invited the Commissioners to attend as many as possible. The Commissioners joined in expressing their appreciation for all of the hard work that so many volunteers put in to prepare for this annual event.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City Maintenance workers have been busy repairing leaks in water and sewer lines, cleaning the park and riverfront areas, and helping set up for the July 4th activities. The City Park came through in great shape over the holiday.
- Community service workers have been sprucing up the downtown, cleaning sidewalks, removing grass and weeds from flower pots and curbs, and painting the inside of the Justice Center. That program is going very well.
- Code Enforcement has been working on getting warning tickets printed to advance our efforts to clean up the town.
- The Riverfront Project plans have been approved by the State and returned to us. The project was advertised in the newspaper on Sunday, July 3rd and was also on the on-line builders exchange this past week. There was a copy of the plans available on a table for the Commissioners and the public to inspect.
- Mr. Greene stated that many people in our community take pride in our town and show their support for the City in different ways. Mr. Cletus Harder, a resident of Gallipolis, contacted Mr. Greene last week and offered to donate one of his stone-work creations to the City. His gift was delivered today and unveiled for all to see. Mr. Greene thanked Mr. Harder for giving of his time and skills to add such a beautiful piece of art to the City. Everyone was pleased to see his work and eager to decide where best to display it. When asked for her opinion, Ms. Dunkle suggested that it be placed in one of the flower beds

along the front of the City Building on Third Avenue, so everyone coming along the street will see it. Everyone present seemed to agree with that idea. Ms. Landers will send a thank you note to Mr. Harder.

The City Auditor reported back to the Commission concerning the letter that they had received from HUD about Public Agency Housing Board appointing agency responsibilities. She had checked with Karen Sprague, as requested at the last meeting. She distributed copies of the e-mail chain between herself, Karen Sprague, and Leslie Young, Executive Director of the Gallia Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA). Mr. Young said in his e-mail response that he did not believe that there was any need for concern and that the letter seemed to be a response from HUD to an audit from their inspector general. Ms. Landers also distributed information from the GMHA website which listed the names of board members and staff. Our list of boards and commissions has three names listed as being appointed by the City for the GMHA Board. Their list has five board members. In discussion, Mr. Salisbury assured the Commissioners that they had no legal liability in making these appointments. Ms. Landers offered, with the Commission's approval, to explore further into who appoints board members, how often they meet, and whether they are receiving the requisite training. She will report back at the next meeting after she speaks to the executive director.

The City Solicitor gave an update on pending legal matters. He filed an appellate brief today and offered to send a copy to the Commissioners.

Mr. Wallis reported briefly on a meeting that he attended where an incident response plan for our local community was discussed.

Mr. Fulks announced that the local Elks gave a \$750 Community Service Grant to the Gallipolis Police Department for the purchase of bullet proof vests. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation.


Mr. Johnson asked if the traffic lights on Eastern Avenue are timed to flash in the early morning. Mr. Wallis responded that they change from flashing at 7 a.m.

President Gallagher said he had received a certified letter from American Natural Gas, Inc., announcing an anticipated lay-off of certain positions, beginning on August 29th or thereafter. The address that they gave is not within the City, so there was some confusion as to the reason that they would send a letter to us.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2016-03 entitled **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2009-07, DESIGNATING THE GALLIPOLIS CITY MANAGER AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION FOR HOUSE BILL 9 TRAINING ON PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. This amendment adds the City Auditor as representative. Upon voice vote to place this resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2016-32 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 1353 "FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE VIOLATIONS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

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


 Clerk, City Commission


 President, City Commission