

July 16, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Michael W. Brown, Member
 James A. Cozza, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, 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		
Tony Gallagher	Clint Patterson	Keith Elliott
Joy Elliott	Ronnie Lynch	David Hively
Ray McKinniss	Elwood Lewis	Jordan Washington
Randy Simpson	Cindy Simpson	Chase Simpson
T.J. Washington	Lori Young	Miranda Johnson
Dottie Chestnut	Lorie Neal	Gwen Doss
John Doss	Tammy Gray	Robbie Jenkins
Bill Gene Johnson	Janet Johnson	Jason Sherrill
Pat Tackett	Kyla Carpenter	Pat Mills

Commission received the minutes of the July 2, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Fire Chief Keith Elliott came forward to present individual Citizen Commendations to Randy, Cindy, and Chase Simpson for their heroic efforts in saving the lives of their neighbors during a recent fire in their neighborhood. Chief Elliott thanked the family and read the text of one of the commendations before presenting each with his/her award to the applause of those gathered. Mr. Randy Simpson modestly claimed that anyone would have done the same.

President Cremeens opened *Privilege of Floor* on the topic of damage to the City Park during the River Recreation Festival. He stated that no one was to blame for the unusually large amount of rain we received this year. He invited the Park Board to comment and recommend how to go forward. Upon learning that the Park Board had not yet met to discuss the issue nor formalize recommendations, Ms. Kyla Carpenter, President of the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce, was allowed to speak. She thanked those who stepped forward to help restore the park and stated that the Chamber feels that it is their responsibility to pay for the damages. Ms. Pat Mills, member of the Park Board, asked what could be done other than banning rides in the Park. Mr. Finney answered that they will move rides out of the park in future, but that the Park Board has not met yet to make recommendations. Mr. Ray McKinniss, who has chaired the River Recreation Festival Board for several years, mentioned that there are low

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places in the ground where trees have been removed. These low places added to the problem by pooling the water from the excessive rains.

Ms. Dottie Chestnut remarked that years ago the River Recreation Festival featured activities on the river, not rides in the park. We have gotten away from the original flavor of this festival. President Cremeens added that the festival used to be a fund raiser for local groups. The Gallipolis Volunteer Fire Department does not even participate anymore. They have been setting up over in Point Pleasant for the last few years. Mr. McKinniss responded that nobody wanted to do a ski show or boat show and they could not afford the expense of hiring a water show. The last three or four local groups that stopped participating as vendors stated that their reason for dropping out was due to lack of volunteers to man their booths. He went on to say that for several years, people volunteered to pay their fees and lower fees were offered to local groups. President Cremeens asked why local groups should pay fees. Mr. McKinniss agreed that this was a topic worthy of conversation, but reiterated that the event is mainly a fund raiser for the Chamber. Ms. Carpenter stated that half of the concessions were operated by locals. They cannot let one non-profit participate for free and charge the others.

Mr. Finney showed before and after slides of the damage and restoration. He reported that the cost was \$400 in labor and \$350 in materials, most of it donated. Mr. McKinniss thanked Mr. Finney for his direction and participation both during the festival and during the restoration following. Mr. Wallis emphasized that the City Park is the people's park. The Commission's goal is to bring people into town. We have learned from this mistake of allowing rides on park grounds and will work to assure that this does not happen in future. He commended the city workers for an excellent job.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road Repair – The retaining wall is in. Foill is asking for a two week extension. Work should be complete in three or four weeks. When the new road opens, the alternate access road will be blocked off. FEMA rejected funding for the alternate access road. There is no further appeal.
- Hedgewood Drive road repairs – OPWC rejected our request for funding. We will need to apply for grant funding next year.
- Ohio Municipal League tax meeting – Mr. Finney and Mr. Lynch attended one day of the two-day seminar. The Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee spoke, along with other officials. They had little to offer in new information. However, some of the sessions and discussions were informative.
- Health Insurance renewal contract – Mr. Finney was able to get Medical Mutual's proposed increase down from 11.8% to 4.5%.
- Demolition Grant – The asbestos reports are back on the first seven houses. Only one has asbestos issues, which was present on some pipes.
- Christmas lights in the City Park – Mr. Lance Clifford and Ms. Shari Rocchi are helping with this project. Buckeye Hills was contacted about re-wiring some of the old lights.
- Green Township Sewer Project – On Thursday, July 18th at 2 p.m., there will be a meeting for the County and the Ohio Rural Water Association to announce grant funding for Phase 1 of the Green Township Sewer Project.

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

The following donations were presented for acceptance:

- \$100 from Ms. India Cullen to the Canine Cop Fund

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- \$1,000 from The Columbus Foundation to the General Fund Recreation Department.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept these donations, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The following invoices over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$18,782.72 from Waste Management for the May Refuse collection. Invoice 6/1/13/P.O. 6/3/13
- \$22,868.25 from Travelers Insurance for Quarterly premium. Invoice 6/11/13/P.O. 6/18/13
- \$8,430.34 from OWDA for WWTP Headworks Debt Service. Invoice 7/1/13/P.O. 7/2/13

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

Ms. Landers detailed the appropriations changes in Ordinance No. O2013-45 on tonight's agenda.

The City Solicitor reported that he is continuing work on the performance audit recommendations. He also met with Mr. Finney and Mr. Bostic concerning forty code violations. He will be out of town to attend the 2013 Municipal Law Institute next Thursday and Friday, July 25th & 26th.

Mr. Johnson informed the other Commissioners that he will not be able to attend the first Commission meeting in August. Mr. Finney added that he would be taking some vacation next week.

Mr. Johnson provided information on the upcoming Hoops Project 3 on 3 basketball tournament. He said that there are thirty-seven teams registered. A celebrity match is also scheduled. They will be selling Gatorade, water, and perhaps fruit. Mr. Finney interjected that volunteers are needed for the registrations, concessions, and other duties. On Saturday night, there will be a silent auction and Split the Pot.

Mr. Brown asked if the City still contracts for mosquito spraying. Mr. Finney confirmed that we do.

President Cremeens asked if the plans were going forward for changing the traffic flow on Court Street. Mr. Finney remarked that the next step would be to schedule some public meetings. Mr. Johnson took a few minutes to inform those present of the discussion from the last meeting on traffic flow on Court Street and the municipal parking lot.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-42 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 376.06, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, MAXIMUM CONSECUTIVE DOCKING HOURS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. President Cremeens explained the purpose of this ordinance, which was discussed at the last meeting. 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. O2013-43 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN**. Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney noted that this is legislation required

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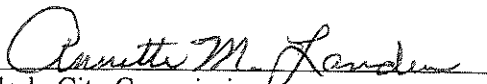
for obtaining a loan from Ohio EPA and OWDA. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

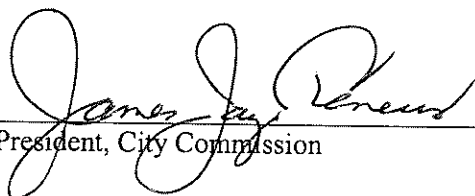
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-44 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEADWORKS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING ASSURANCE TO THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF A SOURCE OF LOCAL FUNDS FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2013-45 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-23, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-30, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. 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. O2013-46 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-17, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-31, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, 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