

August 1, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 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
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

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| M. Eugene Greene, City Manager | | |
| Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor | | |
| Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer | | |
| Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune | | |
| Ronnie Lynch | Randy Breech | Mary Lee Marchi |
| Claudia Miller | Dottie Chestnut | Bradie Angell |
| Jeff Boyer | Cody Caldwell | Brian Lane |

Commission received the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City Streets & Maintenance Department has painted 154 fire hydrants over the past few weeks.
- The day report program is currently painting the administrative offices.
- The State has been busy paving inside the City limits on State Route 141, State Street, and Pine Street.
- The Shelly Company provided the grindings for work our crews did on Hedgewood Drive and State Street. Mr. Greene expressed his appreciation for their help in this project.
- The many events, with related vehicle traffic, in the City Park have taken a toll on the soil. Samples were taken today, with plans to amend the soil as needed when the results come back in three to four weeks.
- The City has been using a scoring system to evaluate the bid packets for our electrical aggregation program. AEP Energy is offering options for a one-year or three-year contract terms, with the right to re-negotiate, with no penalties, if the market price drops. The ordinance to give the City Manager authority to negotiate and enter into contract is on tonight's agenda.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for pending legal matters.

Mr. Brian Lane, Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the plant upgrade. He began by giving a brief history of the plant, which was built in 1958 and received a major upgrade in 1988. With the 2017 upgrade, ratings for daily treated flow went

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from 1.3 to 2.0 million gallons per day. Maximum flow capacity went from 5.7 to 7.2 million gallons per day. The generator was upgraded from 300 kw to 400 kw. Mr. Lane showed a series of slides with before and after photos highlighting different aspects of the project. One of the major pieces involved going from primary settling to aeration treatment of the waste. The advantage of this treatment process is better elimination of odor from the process, an advantage that neighboring residents and businesses are already appreciating.

The project took from 2013 to 2017 at a cost of roughly \$9 million. It has extended the life of the plant by an estimated twenty years. The County is currently air testing the lines for their Green 1 Project. Hook-ups should begin in a couple of weeks, with residents having 90 days to connect.

Mr. Wallis, Mr. Greene, and all of the Commissioners joined in expressing their appreciation to Mr. Lane for his professional handling of this huge project.

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

- \$3,955.36 from AEP for June streetlights. Inv: 6/27/17. PO: 7/3/17
- \$20,865.50 from Waste Management for June refuse pick-up. Inv.: 7/1/17. PO: 7/3/17
- \$4,125 from EL Robinson for Amphitheater Project. Inv: 7/10/17. PO: 7/12/17
- \$24,612 from EL Robinson for Riverfront Project. Inv: 7/10/17. PO: 7/12/17

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

Ms. Landers informed the Commissioners that there will need to be an emergency appropriation change ordinance on the next meeting's agenda. Since there are five Tuesdays in August, the next meeting could be scheduled for any of the last three Tuesdays. After discussing the matter, Commissioners decided to meet next on August 22nd at 5 p.m.

Mr. Andrew Vang of WI Link has been in contact with the City related to his purchase of Zito Media's business interests in Gallipolis for cable TV. Zito Media is the business that contacted us in 2015 about their plans to compete in the Gallipolis marketplace against our current sole-provider, Suddenlink. Ms. Landers sent Mr. Vang copies of our 2015 legislation enacting a 5% franchise fee, along with a spreadsheet showing fees collected from Suddenlink over a period of several years. Mr. Vang wishes to attend an upcoming Commission meeting, date not yet determined, to share his business plans.

The City Solicitor reported that he attended the Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Conference in Columbus last Thursday and Friday. The 300 attendees received a legislative update, which he offered to send out to any interested Commissioners. Some topics discussed were the recent favorable ruling on traffic cameras for municipalities, marijuana, home rule, and the fact that telecommunications companies are beginning a switch from towers to erecting microcell stations along the right-of-ways. He requested executive session for pending legal matters.

Mr. Brandeberry distributed information on a California ordinance prohibiting overnight camping that he thought might be pertinent to recent discussions about people sleeping overnight in their vehicles along the City's streets.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-27 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC PROVIDER FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM AT THE BEST COMPETITIVE PRICE FOR MUNICIPAL OR RESIDENTIAL LOCATIONS.** Mr.

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Brandeberry made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Wallis asked if voting on the ordinance would present a conflict of interest for him due to his employment. The City Solicitor answered that it would not because he would not be participating in the selection of the vendor, but delegating that task to the City Manager. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending legal matters, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call on the motion, 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