

August 4, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Steven Wallis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Steven E. Wallis, President  
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President  
 Michael W. Brown, Member  
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, 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                      Randy Breech  
 Keith A. Sheets                      Christi Johnson                      James W. Roush

Commission received the minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- A crew has been filling in some low spots in the City Park.
- The Street Department did some ditching on Airport Road to help alleviate some of the drainage problem there. It did not cure the problem, but it definitely helped it.
- Sidewalk inspections are being conducted, as on-going enforcement of the sidewalk regulations in our City Code.
- Management continues looking for cost savings in the budget. A special work session is being planned for the Commission to focus on this topic, as well as to tour project sites and areas of concern. President Wallis will talk more on this in his comments.
- Blacktopped some spots on 2-1/2 Alley today.
- The Water Treatment Plant pumped 22,315,000 gallons in July 2015, 4 million less than in 2014 and 2 million less than in 2013. Even taking into consideration last year's major water leak, this demonstrates the improvements made by City crews in replacing lines and fixing water leaks.

The City Auditor reported on donations received in April, May, and June as follows:

- \$5,145 to Gallipolis in Lights
- \$350 to the City Brick Project in the City Park Tree Fund
- \$4,465 for the Baseball/Softball Fund (includes bingo proceeds of \$2,135)
- \$400 for bike rack in City Park from Keep Gallia Beautiful
- \$20 to the Police Special Equipment Fund from Mrs. Holzer

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

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Purchases over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$4,815.37 to AEP for streetlights. Invoice 6/29/15; PO 7/1/15
- \$14,084.72 to Gallia Co. Commissioners for bal. of Housing Rehab Fund. Inv 7/9/15; PO 7/14/15
- \$13,822.17 to Dollar Bank for backhoe lease. Inv 7/11/15; PO 7/17/15

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

Ms. Landers told the Commissioners that the July Financial Statement is not ready yet.

The City Solicitor reported that civil cases are keeping him busy, staying on top of deadlines. He is still having bi-weekly meetings with Code Enforcement. The property owner at 338 Second Avenue has contacted Mr. Bostic with the stated intent to hire a contractor to repair the structure. However, we would need to see those plans and their results. The Code violations at 1627 Eastern Avenue have been successfully abated, with the junk vehicles moved outside of the City. Ohio Valley Bank has contacted us to let us know that they do not have a financial interest in the two properties that we are currently seeking to acquire through eminent domain. The property owner at 754 Fourth Avenue is interested in giving the property to the City. They have been discussing six additional properties for possible eminent domain proceedings. Mr. Bostic will be attending a conference in Columbus on food truck regulations.

Mr. Johnson asked if employees could park in the new lot across the street. The City Manager responded that they have been parking in the designated area behind the building.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Hoops Project provided a big boost for local businesses. Participants reserved at least ten rooms at the Hampton Inn. Courtside Grill reported their best day ever. Pip & Huds did a booming business as well. In other news, Gallipolis in Lights is gearing up for a "big show," details of which are still under wraps.

Mr. Gallagher attended the opening ceremony for the Gallia County Fair. He said that he received a lot of positive feedback from State representatives and others on the stage with him. He went on to talk briefly about the house next to his, which is being rehabilitated by Troy Johnson's group. They plan to undertake other similar projects throughout the town when this project is completed.

President Wallis asked Commissioners if they could meet for a work session on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Mr. Johnson's work schedule will not allow him to attend this Saturday. After some discussion, they agreed to meet this Saturday for the first of possibly several work sessions to tour sites and work on revenue streams and cost cutting strategies.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2015-08 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NAMING GALLIPOLIS CITY MANAGER EUGENE GREENE FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT 15 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2015-09 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NAMING GALLIPOLIS TAX ADMINISTRATOR RONNIE LYNCH AS ALTERNATE FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT 15 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2015-30 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE WALTER H. DRANE COMPANY.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2015-31 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 377.02 (A) "INSPECTION OF GOLF CARTS" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2015-32 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 377.03 (A) "USAGE AND RESTRICTIONS" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

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

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission