

August 20, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, August 20, 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. He announced that the City Manager and City Solicitor were unable to attend tonight's meeting. The City Manager was called away due to a death in his family.

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:

M. Edward Swisher, Acting City Manager
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Tony Gallagher Joy Elliott Keith Elliott
 Ronnie Lynch

Commission received the minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Mr. Swisher reported on the following:

- Christmas lights in the City Park – The committee met on Tuesday, August 13th, at 5 p.m. Fifteen people showed up. Mr. Swisher is working with Buckeye Hills to refurbish the figurines that are stored at the Water Treatment Facility. He has already spoken to Mr. Tim Updyke, department head, and will be speaking to the instructor when school starts.
- Demolition Grant – Mr. Bostic has received two bids for demolition of the first three houses. He is seeking one more quote for the project.
- City Park Bandstand – Mr. Harold Thompson will be meeting tomorrow with Parks Superintendent, Mr. Dave Walters, to begin work. The Commissioners discussed the work to be done.
- Traffic light study – As a result of the study, the intersection at Second Avenue and State Street will be getting new pedestrian lights. GKN Drive at Eastern Avenue and the intersection at Second Avenue and Olive Street will be getting new motion sensors to detect traffic.
- Park Front Welcome Sign – Ms. Karen Smith plans to bring details to the next meeting.
- Shade Tree Committee – The Commission needs to appoint a new member to the vacated position.
- Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing – Mr. Swisher showed pictures from the recent smoke testing in the area of the Vine Street Lift Station. He said that they are finding many problems, such as rain gutters connected to the sanitary sewer and even some water line breaks, such as one coming off Holcomb Hill that was undermining the road. Just from what they have detected and remedied so far, they have brought down by half the gallons going through the Vine Street Lift Station.

The City Auditor presented for approval the annual list of delinquent water/sewer accounts for submission to the County Auditor. She answered questions from the Commission. Regarding efforts to contact the owners, she told them that she sent letters to all owners and followed up with reminders by telephone where possible. If anyone pays before the list is submitted at the end of the month, that account will be removed from the list. Most property owners, especially the landlords, are used to the process by now and respond promptly to the letters. In the cases involving deceased owners, Ms. Landers contacted the Probate Court to get the contact information for the executors or their legal representatives. Some of the owners have signed payment agreements to get their properties off the list. She thanked the Commissioners for their cooperation over the years in establishing guidelines for her to use in resolving these accounts in a fair and equitable manner. Mr. Cozza made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers reviewed the appropriation changes in Ordinance No. O2013-49 on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Johnson reported that he had received a thank you note from the Digital River Project Board to the City of Gallipolis in appreciation for their support during the recent Hoops Project "3 on 3" Basketball Tournament.

Mr. Wallis asked to have the "closes at dusk" sign put back up for Mound Hill Cemetery. Someone recently got locked in because they were unaware of the policy. The sign was removed during the recent roadwork.

Mr. Brown stated that he and Mr. Wallis were up on Mound Hill on Sunday brainstorming about improvements that could be made. He took Mr. Swisher up there today and plans to take the City Manager and City Auditor up there sometime soon to discuss the feasibility of some of their ideas.

President Cremeens spotted some ditches that need to be cleaned of debris. One area is near the Radio Station and another is near the Outreach Center. This was followed by discussion of debris and brush removal along roads. The Commission talked about asking Gallipolis Township to help with their arm brush cutter in exchange for our help in-kind.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2013-05 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. 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 an Ordinance No. O2013-47 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-34, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2007 ALTEC BUCKET TRUCK AND A 2013 VERMEER BRUSH CHIPPER FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS AND TO ENTER INTO LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR SAID EQUIPMENT.** Mr. Wallis 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. O2013-48 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL, DRUG AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME**

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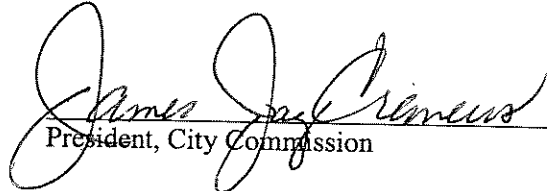
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EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-49 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-23, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-30, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-45, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon roll call to adopt the 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