

December 7, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the old Gallipolis Municipal Building, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

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

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James A. Cozza, President
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President
 Lori F. Bailey, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, 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
 Ronnie Lynch Tony Gallagher Clint Patterson
 Marvin Vanderberg Dottie Chestnut Claudia Miller
 Stephen Hawkins Bill Gene Johnson Gordon Goble
 Brent Saunders Gene Angel Lora Snow
 Tracy Call Shirley Doss Chris Petro
 Mike Owens

Commission received the minutes of the November 16, 2010 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Lora Snow, Director of the Ariel – Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre, requested *Privilege of Floor*. She thanked the Commission for their support. She reported on ticket sales and class attendance. She said that recently people have come from Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and Florida as well as other cities in Ohio. Many of these people spend the night in local hotels, eat out at local restaurants, and shop at local stores. She presented numbers gathered from members of the Ohio Valley Symphony related to their trips to practice and perform in Gallipolis. President Cozza complimented those involved with the Ariel on the great job that they do in enhancing the performing arts in our small community.

Due to another appointment, Mr. Randy Breech was invited to present his update on the new municipal court building at this time. Mr. Breech distributed copies of the plans to each Commissioner, with a couple of extra copies for those attending. He said that the plan now calls for 12,000 square feet, with an additional 600 sq. ft. sally port, with 600 more sq. ft. of storage above. He showed where parking would be located. The Municipal Court, Solicitor's Office, Victims Advocate, and Police Department have all been involved in the planning and have indicated their support of the current design for meeting not only their current needs, but also those for the foreseeable future. An architect from Panich and Noel is interested in working with Mr. Breech on the project, if the Commission desires. Mr. Breech went over the expected timeframe of the project, with move in expected by June of 2012. A public meeting could

be held as early as the end of January. Mr. Breech encouraged the Commission to proceed as quickly as possible to avoid expected increases in construction costs.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Living Water Resource Center wrote a letter requesting a donation for their non-profit, which operates under the umbrella of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bidwell. They provide USDA and donated food, clothing, and household items to approximately 1800 needy families.
- Spruce Street Project – The final wrap-up meeting was held yesterday. Final papers were signed. Liquidated damages were set at \$23,000 to cover excess engineering fees. We still need to finish the annexation letters.
- The surveyor got back with Mr. Finney about the water drainage problem on Eastern Avenue. He hopes to generate some ideas this month for fixing this problem.
- Hedgewood Drive continues to slip. A new company, named Soil Nail Launcher, Inc., is looking into the possibility of using its process to fix the problem. They would be willing to offer a five-year warranty on their work. Their process costs about one-half to one-quarter what other types of work cost. They can do their work pretty much year-round.
- The owner of the building in the 400 block of Third Avenue plans to fix the building himself, rather than have the City step in.
- The WPC Facility roof was leaking and had to be repaired.
- At the last staff meeting, Mr. Finney asked department heads to write down some objectives that they hope to achieve. He also asked them to generate ideas for a targeted goal of 5% cost reductions in each department.
- There will be a meeting in January to discuss possible alternative poling locations. All locations must be handicapped accessible.
- Mr. Finney met today with the Employee Handbook Committee to go over changes made by legal counsel. They will need to meet at least one more time to complete their review. Mr. Finney is hoping to have it ready to go to the Commission by January.
- Mr. Finney recommended the appointment of Ms. Pat Mills to the City Park Advisory Board, effective December 31, 2010. She has agreed to serve another term on the board. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to appoint Ms. Mills to the Park Board, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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

Ms. Landers stated that she would be on medical leave for at least two weeks, beginning on December 14, 2010. President Cozza wished her well.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. David C. Evans to the Sinking Fund Board for another term, beginning December 31, 2010. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2010-22 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REGISTER THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE 2011 AMERICA IN BLOOM CONTEST.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. 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. R2010-23 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF GALLIA COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Ms. Landers explained that this was to formally accept the property tax millages that the County gives us every year. 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. O2010-84 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE OUTREACH CENTER OF GALLIPOLIS, THE UNITED WAY OF GALLIA COUNTY AND THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF OHIO.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to amend this ordinance to include the Living Water Resource Center of Vinton, Ohio, seconded by Mr. Johnson. During discussion, the Commissioners decided to contribute \$2,500, which will be internally transferred from the Estate Tax Refund line to Community Investment. Upon voice vote to amend the ordinance to include a \$2,500 donation to Living Water Resource Center, all votes were yes. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt as an emergency the amended ordinance now entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LOCAL COMMUNITY ENTITIES,** seconded by Mr. Cremeens. 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. O2010-85 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITY OF GALLIPOLIS TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (ACCOUNTABLE PLAN) RULES POLICY FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Ms. Landers explained that this ordinance was necessary in order to formally adopt a travel reimbursement "accountable plan" to comply with IRS requirements, as well as to clear up ambiguities and inconsistencies in the application of current rules. 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. O2010-86 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-09, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-34, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-41, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-51, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-57, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-65, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-79, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Ms. Landers told the Commission that there were two changes: one for an additional tax refund in the Income Tax Department and another for an additional transfer of \$30,000 from the General Fund to M & R Streets, just in case they need more money to make up for revenue shortfalls. 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. O2010-87 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-10, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-25, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-42, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-52, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-66, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2010-80, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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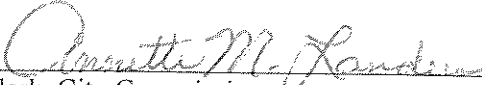
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There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2010-88 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH MIKE ENYART & SONS, INC., FOR SPRUCE STREET WATER LINE AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.** Mr. Johnson 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.

The Commission discussed the need for a short meeting to approve the jail and indigent defense contracts with the County, as well as approve application for police overtime grant funding, which Chief Patterson just found was available. They set this meeting for Tuesday, December 14th, at 5:30 p.m. If any of the Commissioners cannot attend, they should contact the City Manager so the meeting can be re-scheduled.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission