

January 6, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 6:00 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, Interim City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Michelle L. Clonch, Asst. City Auditor/Clerk		
Ronnie Lynch	Mary Lee Marchi	Nancy Childs
Marvin Vanderberg	Keith Elliott	Joy Elliott
Rebecca Viall	John Viall	JoAnn Nibert
Janet Johnson	Bill Gene Johnson	Clint Patterson
Karen Smith	Randy Breech	Michael Johnson
Dave Walters		

Commission received the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Mr. Keith Elliott reported that by the end of the month he has to submit a list of members to the Volunteer Firefighters Dependent fund and needs two commissioners appointed to this. The Fire chief reported that the new fire engine that we received last year was showcased in a national fire apparatus magazine.

Mr. Elliott also mentioned that at a structure fire the previous night, three fireman saved the life of a citizen.

Ms. Nancy Childs spoke and wanted to thank the commission for their work.

Mr. Jay Cremeens spoke about the last commission meeting that got heated at times and wanted to publicly apologize to his longtime friend and colleague Mr. Brown.

The Interim City Manager reported on the following:

- We have acquired some additional street salt and we should be in pretty good shape now.
- The City received a letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funding in the amount of \$20,003 to go towards phase I of the City park electrical upgrade.
- Will be having two public hearings on the amphitheater project and would like to open the bids in mid-April and get that project started.
- On December 31st we received the 2nd of the 3 new police cars and the third one should be here by next week.

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- Construction on the WWTP upgrade, contractor is making arrangements to put his tool trailers in place and should be starting within the next week.
- The City will be looking into taking out and replacing some trees along Second Avenue that have outgrown the grading and are damaging water and sewer lines.
- Donahue's Lube and Oil should be open within the next two weeks.

The City Manager stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Troy Johnson to the Planning Commission. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to appoint Mr. Troy Johnson to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Cremeens, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor wished to thank everyone for their well wishes on the birth of his child. Mr. Salisbury reported that his office has been very busy over the holidays and has received several new cases from Code Enforcement that we will be seeing in the near future. Also, he has been working on updating his portion of the City website to make the public more aware of his office and how the court system works. He is also adding links to other websites that would be helpful to the public.

Mr. Mike Brown said that he has continued to receive compliments on the lights in the City Park. He thanked Matt Johnson, Rick Mount, and David Miller commending them for their hard work they put into the lights project.

Mr. Matt Johnson said that the lights will start to come down this Saturday morning. He said that the poles around the park are not grounded properly and need to be looked and taken care of before November when the lights will be put back up again. Mr. Johnson said that we had a lot of people from out of town come and hopes that every year gets bigger and better.


There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency Resolution No. R2015-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REGISTER THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE 2015 AMERICA IN BLOOM CONTEST.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Cremeens asked how much the registration fee is. Mr. Brown said that it is \$899 and we can get a discount if we get another community involved. 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 Resolution No. O2015-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NAMING GALLIPOLIS INTERIM CITY MANAGER EUGENE GREENE AND 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. Cremeens. 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. O2015-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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