

July 1, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 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:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Marvin Vanderberg James Roush
 Cletus Harder Keith Elliott

Commissioners received the minutes of the June 26, 2014 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- There are around 15 – 20 electric vendors that will be solicited for bids on electric rates, due next Friday, July 11th.
- Update on the water line: The new valve was put in, but there is still some water loss (@ 150,000 gal/day). Costs for the emergency have mostly been submitted to OEMA. We are awaiting a final bill from Columbus for the crew that they sent. Our overtime amounted to around \$19,000. Everything is going fairly well. We need to move quickly to begin repairs. President Wallis asked if we would be going to polypipe. Mr. Finney affirmed that we were. This was followed by a short discussion on the size of the pipe.
- Commissioners are invited to a CIC meeting on Thursday of next week at 7 a.m. The topic will be the new website.
- In an effort to address EPA sanitary sewer concerns, Mr. Swisher and Mr. Finney have developed a four-year plan for the years 2015 – 2018. Mr. Finney showed a slide listing all projects by years. The EPA seems to be satisfied with our projections.
- The ribbon cutting and court dedication for the Hoop Project will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11th.
- Concerning Health Insurance, Mr. Finney met with Mr. John Saunders and a representative from Medical Mutual. They are recommending that we join the Ohio Public Entity Consortium (OPEC), a TPA (Third Party Administrator), which serves a large group of Ohio public entities. Medical Mutual was proposing a 13% increase, which Mr. Finney would have bargained down to a lower number. However, OPEC offers a self-funded, fully insured program with insurance through Medical Mutual at a savings of 2-1/2%. Our Express Script drug coverage would change to Care

- Mark. Dental would change from Medical Mutual's dental plan to Delta Dental. There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda to get this in place for August 1st.
- There is also an ordinance to create a new position for a Special Projects Assistant at an annual cost of \$2,050. Mr. Finney explained about the work that Ms. Dunkle, Ms. Woodall, and Ms. Beaver are performing, which replaces what used to be performed by three additional full-time employees. Mr. Swisher is also collecting data on maintenance salaries from similarly sized or neighboring municipalities in an effort to assure that we will not lose talent from these positions.
 - There was an incident at the pool this week where a child got pricked by what appears to have been an insulin needle. The child was examined at the hospital and seems to have suffered no serious injury. The Health Department advised that we not drain the pool, but sweep it to retrieve any object that might still be in the pool. The pool was closed an entire day and carefully swept several times, but no needle was retrieved. The only item found was a piece of the plastic assembly. The pool has subsequently re-opened with no further incidents.

The City Auditor reviewed the appropriation changes in Ordinance O2014-37 on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Cremeens remarked that the repair work on State Route 588 looks good. Gallipolis Township paid half of the cost for Burkhart Lane. From the audience, Mr. Roush asked about whether the culvert on Burkhart Lane would be raised on the other side. Mr. Finney replied that he would look into the matter.

Mr. Gallagher reported on the seminar on opium addiction that he attended in Columbus yesterday. He said they left at 6 a.m. and got back at 7 p.m., but that the meeting was well worth the time. Around 900 people attended including the Governor, the Attorney General, and three Supreme Court Judges, making this the largest meeting on drugs ever in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Johnson said that he saw the courts for the Hoops Project and they look very sturdy. If the weather holds, they expect a record turn-out for the three-day event. Plans are coming together very nicely.

Mr. Cremeens asked who was in the truck that he has seen at the City Park. Mr. Johnson answered that some of the rides are already here for the event this weekend.

President Wallis commented that he might not be able to attend a meeting on July 15th. The special meeting may need to be moved to another day.

President Wallis also opened a discussion of where we are on our receipts in the General Fund and the bed tax. We had discussed re-visiting this topic mid-year to see if we could make an additional donation to the non-profits. Ms. Landers answered that the General Fund is still experiencing very thin margins. Mr. Finney added that the City might not be able to give anything at all this year, due to our thin margins and employee complaints of funding others when they have received no raises for several years.

President Wallis talked a little about connecting to Ohio Rural Water.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPING PLANS, ENGINEERING DRAWINGS, AND OVERSEEING CONSTRUCTION FOR GALLIPOLIS SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER SEPARATION PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2014-35 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO REPAIR THE MAIN WATER LINE BREAK IN CHICKAMAUGA CREEK**. 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 was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-36 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH OHIO WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, 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. O2014-37 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-19, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-30, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**. 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 was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-38 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-77, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2011-01, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2011-79, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-21, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-04, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-20, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-29, AMENDING SECTION C6, COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION**. Mr. Brown 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 was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-39 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 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. Cremeens. 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