

March 2, 2010

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the 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
 Margaret Evans, Judge, Gallipolis Municipal Court
 Michelle Miller, Gallipolis Daily Tribune

Amber Fellure	Robert Smith	April Smith
Tony Gallagher	Dottie Chestnut	Claudia Miller
Ronnie Lynch	Tammi Brabham	Randy Breech
Jon Mason	Michael Smith	Clint Patterson
Becky Rothgeb	Marvin Vanderberg	

Commission received the minutes of the February 16, 20, and 25, 2010, meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Cozza opened the public hearing on the proposed 2010 Budget. He stated that the City Manager, City Auditor, and department supervisors have worked very hard to keep costs contained in providing for the operations of the City.

The City Manager was asked to highlight areas of interest within the budget, to be followed by a period for any questions from the public. Ms. Landers explained that the handouts provided for the public this evening were just the summary sheets for each of the departments. Detailed budgets are available for inspection at the library or the City Building.

Mr. Finney explained some of the larger expenses contained within the budget, including \$2,996,243.19 for the new municipal building, around \$750,000 for the Spruce Street Water/Sewer Project, and \$1,803,000 for the Farm Road Project, which could go forward this year if funding sources come through. Large capital items include a tractor for parks and streets, a new cruiser to be purchased from forfeiture moneys, replacing or painting the Sanders Hill water tank, a portable generator for the lift stations, and the remainder of equipment to be purchased under COPS Technology Grant. The headcount remains static overall, with reductions in some departments through attrition allowing for increases in staffing in other departments. The Commission has approved hiring a Civil Engineer to help with special projects and GIS. This should save the City thousands spent on engineering contractors.

President Cozza added that the City is fortunate to not be experiencing the financial difficulties that other municipalities have been forced to face. We do not anticipate any huge reductions in revenues for this year, but are prepared to address problems as they arise. The City Auditor offered to send an electronic copy of the budget to anyone wishing to receive one. There being no questions from the public, the public hearing was closed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Spruce Street Water/Sewer Project preconstruction meeting was held last Wednesday. It went well. A public meeting with residents of Spruce Street is set for March 15th at 6 p.m. The City Manager is recommending that the residents not be charged a capacity fee, just the tap fees, because when they were promised service, there were no capacity fees.
- One house has been demolished under the County grant. Seven houses have had bids come back. There is still money available for additional demolitions if anyone has interest in signing up for the program.
- The City cannot re-sell unused lots in the cemeteries, but could offer to buy them back from current owners.
- Volunteer Energy Solutions is seeking to renew their contract with the City.
- There have been some complaints concerning the new 2-hour parking signs along Second Avenue in the 200, 300, and 400 blocks. However, the merchants are very pleased.
- The roof is now leaking badly in Davis Hall. It has not been inspected since the City bought it.
- The documents requesting Brownfields funding for Davis Hall went out last Wednesday.
- Mr. Finney will be attending the Main Street meeting in Lebanon, Ohio, on March 16th.

Mr. Finney requested executive session to discuss legal matters concerning relocation. President Cozza said he also had legal items for executive session.

Ms. Landers informed the Commission that she has received notice of estate taxes due to the City, which already meet budgetary estimates of \$50,000 for 2010 estate tax revenues.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for legal matters.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2010-06 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING AMBER FELLURE AS ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Cremeens 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. The City Solicitor administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Fellure and she was seated at the Commission table.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to place resolutions R2010-07 thru R2010-11 on consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon voice vote to place these resolutions on consent agenda, all votes were yes. The following resolutions were presented and read to Commission on consent agenda:

FIRST READING: Resolution R2010-07 entitled EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO CAROLL K. SNOWDEN FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS VICE-PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.

FIRST READING: Resolution R2010-08 entitled EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO DOW W. SAUNDERS FOR OUTSTANDING

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SERVICES RENDERED AS PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.

FIRST READING: Resolution R2010-09 entitled **EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO JON M. LYNCH FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.**

FIRST READING: Resolution R2010-10 entitled **EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO ROBERT L. MARCHI FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.**

FIRST READING: Resolution R2010-11 entitled **EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO BRENT A. SAUNDERS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.**

Mr. Cremeens made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the consent agenda on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt the consent agenda on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2010-06 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING O2004-82, AND GOVERNING ACCESS TO THE GALLIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK SEWER LINE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS.** Note: The title of this ordinance was incorrectly listed in the agenda, but was re-read correctly to Commission following executive session. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-08 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICAL AND QUICKLIME.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Ms. Bailey. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Ms. Bailey made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2010-11 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2008-15, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2009-04, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2009-45, AMENDING**

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SECTION C6(J), MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT, AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF CIVIL ENGINEER, AND SETTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION PLAN AND IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES AND POLICY STATEMENT. Ms. Bailey made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Cremeens made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters as set forth in ORC Section 121.22, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call on the motion to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission