

June 2, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 7:00 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  
Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member  
W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager  
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
Michelle L. Clonch, Asst. City Auditor/Clerk  
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
Ronnie Lynch                      Mary Lee Marchi                      Clinton Patterson  
Harmony Campbell              Shawn Campbell                      Susan Grady  
Beverly Dunkle                      Marvin Vanderberg                      Keith Elliott  
Joy Elliott                              Brett Bostic                              Randy Breech

Commission received the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

*Privilege of Floor* was granted to Beverly Dunkle with Gallipolis in Bloom who went over the itinerary with the commissioners for when the judges are here on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged them to attend the different locations that they will be visiting.

Ms. Susan Grady, Victims Advocate, addressed the commission and let them know it was time to renew the V.O.C.A. grant. She explained that the grant is now offering agencies more funds to expand their programs. The grant does require a cash match and she will come up with the figures and present it to the commission at their next meeting.

Next to address the commission was Harmony Campbell with her husband Shawn Campbell. They asked to have the privilege of setting up a food concession trailer at the City Park during lunch time. She explained that she knows in some City's there is opposition because they do not want to take away from the businesses that are already there. She explained different lawsuits with the Supreme Court and amendments that have come about where City's would not let the food vendors come in. Mr. Gallagher said that he wants to see new businesses come into town but on the other hand you have to ask if they were going to take business away from the permanent businesses here that have paid their monies, bought or rented buildings and are regulated. Ms. Campbell stated that she has no problem paying her fees and taxes. She doesn't feel that she would be a competition to the other businesses because she will only be open a few hours a day during lunch time and offers a different kind of menu. The City Manager spoke and said that if we let one food concession trailer come in then we are setting a precedent for other food concessions to be able to come in. He doesn't want to see a temporary business come in and take away from the permanent businesses. Mr. Cremeens ask her where she wanted to set her trailer and she said on First Avenue by the Park and she would use her own generator and water. Mr. Johnson was in favor of the food concession and suggested setting up on State Street because of the traffic along First Avenue. He said that he doesn't think they would be in competition with anyone and thinks it would be great to offer something else to the downtown area. Mr. Wallis said he could see the pros and cons and that we have to take care of our businesses that we have in town as well as our citizens. He said that it will take a lot more thought than

what we can put into it this evening. Mr. Breech spoke and expressed his opposition against the food concession trailer because of individuals that have money invested in the downtown businesses. It was discussed that Ms. Campbell's next step would be to apply for a permit and go before the planning commission.

Mr. Mike Brown, City Commission member, arrived at the meeting during the Privilege of Floor.

Mr. Randy Breech addressed the commission next concerning the building on the north side of the new City Park Plaza. The property continues to fall apart, has past due taxes, past due bank payments, leaks, falling bricks and the cracks and holes continue to grow. Mr. Breech asked if the City was going to do something about this building and follow the property maintenance code and regulations for the historic district and to hold the property owner responsible to get something done. He also mentioned that the building on the south side is having drain issue problems and problems on the side of the building where he installed a walkway. He also discussed other structures on Second Avenue that have numerous problems. Mr. Breech is asking the City to take action and wants it safe for people and doesn't want to have to sue anyone. Mr. Cremeens agreed with Mr. Breech and said that something needs to be done. The City Manager also agreed and said that we need to take action before we do wind up with a liability. The City Manager, Code Enforcement Officer and City Solicitor will meet to start the process and taking action.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City Maintenance crews have been busy repairing potholes, street lights, checking lift stations, repairing leaks, installed a storm sewer at the library, and picking up trash in the parks.
- The WPCF upgrade – progress has picked up since the last meeting and the problem with the chlorine pit has been solved and density tests were completed. They are still working on the power problem.
- The City Park electrical upgrade – State inspector gave the final okay on the project.
- Amphitheater – Bid was in last Sunday's paper and will appear again next Sunday and the bid opening will be June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- City Pool – As of June 1<sup>st</sup> the pool has been open 10 days and has brought in approximately \$9,909 in revenues and attendance is up from this time last year.

Mr. Greene requested executive session after the meeting.

Ms. Clonch presented eight invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

1. \$25,461.00 from OWDA for WWTP Project loan payment. Invoice: 11/24/14. PO: 4/14/15,
2. \$7,225.26 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade engineering. Invoice: 3/13/15. PO: 4/23/15,
3. \$11,750.00 from Southeastern Equipment for TCM forklift. Invoice: 3/23/15. PO: 3/25/15,
4. \$19,389.28 from Waste Management for March refuse pickup. Invoice: 4/1/15. PO: 4/7/15,
5. \$4,253.88 from Treasurer State of Ohio (ODOT) for de-icing salt. Invoice: 4/3/15. PO: 4/14/15,
6. \$4,741.57 from American Electric Power for electric for street lights. Invoice: 4/29/15. PO: 5/1/15,
7. \$8,800.00 from Allcom, LLC for service agreement. Invoice: 4/1/15. PO: 4/9/15,
8. \$19,538.22 from Waste Management for February refuse pickup. Invoice 3/1/15. PO: 3/3/15.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve payment of these invoices, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Gallagher said that him, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Wallis rode in the parade and had signs made to put on the City car. He is glad that there are ways for the citizens to know who the commissioners are that they voted for and that they are available if they have questions.

Mr. Johnson asked if we are going to be replacing the sidewalk where the new parking lot is, Mr. Greene stated that yes we are. He also asked for the other commissioner's approval to work with the City Solicitor on legislation that designates a confined designated area as being part of a revitalization district. This could put us in line for more CDBG grants and monies for the rehabilitation of buildings. The commission all agreed on this.

Mr. Cremeens asked the City Manager for an update on the flower boxes on Second Avenue. Mr. Greene said that the Vault Company is going to pick them all up. He thinks they may donate some smaller ones.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-27 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, HYDRANTS AND METERS**. Mr. Johnson 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.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss taxes.

Upon completion of executive session, there being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

*Asst* Michelle L. Clonch  
Clerk, City Commission

Steven S. Wallis  
President, City Commission