

March 15, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Christy Johnson Jeff Boyer
 Randy Breech

Commission received the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Wallis pointed out a couple of errors prior to the meeting, which have been corrected. There being no additional corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- At the last meeting, the Spruce Street Lift Station had just gone down. The contractor is on-site and the project is moving along well. There was some wear discovered in the wet well, which will need to be re-lined.
- Mr. Greene talked to representatives of G.D.C. today about getting them onto the city water system. We will not be assuming any obligations for upkeep of their water lines.
- E.L. Robinson met today at 4 p.m. on the final plans for the Riverfront Improvements Project. Those plans are now being sent to the State for approval before coming back to us for bidding.
- At the last meeting, the Auditor announced that she was cutting her hours to save money in the General Fund. Mr. Greene said that he is also cutting his weekly hours to 32, which will save the General Fund an additional \$9,698 this year. Both he and the City Auditor have done this to help prevent any potential personnel cuts, particularly in the Police Department.
- Chief Boyer and the City Manager, along with Senator Mike DeWine and Representative Ryan Smith, attended a meeting on the opioid epidemic, which is taking a very large percent of small towns' budgets. These costs, which are rising every day, come from law enforcement, court costs, prevention and treatment programs, and housing of prisoners, to name a few. The toll is incalculable on families who from 2009 to 2014 have lost loved ones at a rate of 18.4/100,000 population.
- Mr. Bill Davis met with the City Manager about repairs to the bandstand. They plan to do some patch work to get by until able to secure grant funding for more substantial repairs.

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The City Auditor presented the February 2016 Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the February Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

President Gallagher reported that the City Manager, Auditor, and Solicitor went with him to the radio station last Friday to be interviewed about the City's two issues on the ballot. He thanked Mr. Dean Wright, reporter for the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, and the radio station for helping get the word out to voters on these important issues.

Mr. Brandeberry thanked both the City Manager and City Auditor for their top-down leadership in taking a pay cut rather than to lay off personnel.

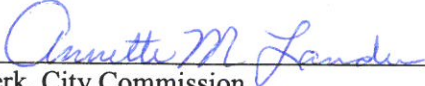
Mr. Fulks commended police officers for recently rescuing a resident from a burning home. They responded quickly and at great risk to their own safety, not only is rescuing the woman, but in efforts to contain the blaze until firefighters arrived. Chief Elliott agreed, adding that the polyester uniforms worn by officers act like shrink wrap in a fire situation. The officers involved will be formally recognized for their heroism at a future meeting.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2016-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016**. Mr. Fulks 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 second reading an Ordinance No. O2016-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-17 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR MODIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Mr. Greene explained that this is for \$12,605 for changes, largely for variable speed motors, listed on the sheet provided to the Commissioners. 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