

October 2, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallia County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 61 Court Street, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President  
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President  
 James A. Cozza, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member  
 Michael W. Brown, Member, arrived shortly after roll call.

Others attending were:  
 Randall J. Finney, City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Stephanie Filson, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Stephanie Carroll, Gallia Hometown Herald  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Tony Gallagher                      Marvin Vanderberg  
 Claudia Miller                      Dottie Chestnut

President Cremeens announced that the Queen of the Mississippi was in Gallipolis as part of her "maiden voyage" earlier today and received a proclamation from the City. He added that several people from the boat were complimentary of the City Park.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Repair of old Mound Hill Road – We are still awaiting word from FEMA, approving the higher cost.
- Appeal on Mound Hill Alternate Access Road – FEMA rejected our appeal for funding of the temporary access road, but we are appealing again with the aid of the Ohio EMA.
- Derecho – The City Manager signed papers with FEMA today, declaring \$39,000 in damage due to the storm in June/July 2012. It may take from three to six months to process our claim.
- Justice Center – The phone system is still being worked on. Some paving remains to be done. The furniture is coming in. Randy plans to consult with Judge Evans in setting a date for the grand opening.
- Administrative Building – They are coming along very well on the new building. The roof is on except for the gable out front.
- America in Bloom Contest – Gallipolis finished second in Floral Displays. The sessions and tours were very good. The group brought back many good ideas.
- First Friday – The speaker will be Brent Saunders from Holzer.
- As a result of winning the Best Hometown in Ohio award, the magazine is asking if we would like to advertise our town in the issue that features Gallipolis. They have about 3,800 subscribers throughout Ohio. Ms. Landers told the Commissioners that we just received around \$103,000 in estate taxes, a small portion of which could be used for this purpose. After some discussion, Mr.

Cozza made a motion to purchase a 1/3 page ad, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

- Grow Gallia meeting – Next Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the OVB Annex, the Grow Gallia Committee is bringing in a marketing consultant to make a proposal to market the City and County to potential developers. Mr. Brown indicated an interest in attending.
- The OVRDC Economic Development Conference will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Shawnee State Park Lodge near Portsmouth. Mr. Finney will be attending.
- In an effort to allay his worries about expenses, Mr. Finney went to the hospital and met with Officer Bartles to go over his Workers Compensation benefits with him. Officer Bartles is anticipating a long period of rehabilitation. He may be released from the hospital in four to five days. Counseling has been provided for one of the other officers involved in the incident and has been offered to the other. President Cremeens again expressed the Commission's concern for all of the officers involved and their full support of services for them.
- The Veterans' Association is currently refurbishing the Doughboy Monument. The contractor mounted the gun on the statue today and plans to do the cleaning tomorrow, which involves dry ice blasting the monument and will be a very loud process.
- Mr. Finney plans to take a day of vacation on Friday after the First Friday meeting.

The City Auditor presented the 2013 Alternate Tax Budget for approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the 2013 Alternate Tax Budget, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. The Gallia County Budget Commission will hold their public hearing on the City's budget on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 a.m. in the Clerk of Courts Office on the third floor of the Gallia County Courthouse.

Ms. Landers announced that the release date for the performance audit report will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. The auditors asked if the City would like for them to come to a meeting to discuss the results with the public. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to discuss the results and decide which suggestions to pursue before presenting the report to the public.

Ms. Landers told the Commissioners that she would be out of the office on Wednesday through Friday of this week to attend the annual Ohio Association of Public Treasurer's Conference in Dayton. She attends this conference each year to receive the required CPIM training.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for three pending legal matters. Mr. Salisbury also reported that he had looked into Mr. Wallis's question about meeting on the performance audit in executive session and determined that this would be legal.

Mr. Cozza offered to share a CD that he received in the mail concerning the Robert C. Byrd Hydroelectric Project.

The truck is still on the Jenkins property. Mr. Finney told the Commissioners that this may have to go to trial as soon as Code Enforcement goes through the legal process.

Mr. Wallis observed that some of the streets are in need of patch work before the asphalt plant shuts down. There was also a brief discussion of Hedgewood Drive and the repair work done there.

Mr. Salisbury said that he would like to recognize Ms. Tanya Gills and Ms. Susan Grady for the work they did during the recent move to the Justice Center, which exceeded his expectations.

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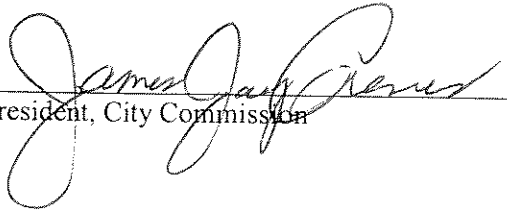
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Mr. Cozza made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending legal matters and contracts, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission