

August 5, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 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  
 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  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Keith Elliott                      Joy Elliott  
 Marvin Ours                          Mary Lee Marchi                      Marvin Vanderberg  
 Clint Patterson                      Karen McCarty                      Cletus Harder  
 Michelle Miller

Commission received the minutes of the July 16 and 28, 2014 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

*Privilege of Floor* was granted to Ms. Michelle Miller, Executive Director of the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce, to discuss Chillifest, set for October 4th. She asked permission to have alcohol served in the City Park under the same conditions as in prior years. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the Chamber serving alcohol in the Park during Chillifest, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Karen McCarty, representing the Gallia County convention and Visitors' Bureau, was next to speak. She said that they would also like to have permission to serve alcohol in the Park during their planned event, the Gallia County BBQ Festival, set for September 13<sup>th</sup>. Ten teams will compete for a prize for the best BBQ. Those attending will be able to purchase BBQ sandwiches, made from the entries, and beer. There will be free activities, including face painting and live music. Mr. Finney showed a diagram of where the alcohol would be served. Ohio River Live will be the only vendor serving beer, which will be served in cups. The Visitors' Bureau is seeking additional volunteers and sponsors for the event. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Ohio River Live serving alcohol in the Park during the Gallia County BBQ Festival, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The public meeting on electric aggregation will be held on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Both Aspen Energy and Integrys plan to attend.
- Water line repairs – Workers still have not located the 1901 water line. Therefore, plans call for tapping into the 1968 line instead. Water losses now seem to be under control.

- Representatives from Gallia County Rural Water have engaged in discussions with the City concerning establishing emergency connectivity between our water systems. The points where our systems are closest are on McCormick Road, Lovers Lane, and the Silver Bridge Plaza. In discussion, it was suggested that connections might be made through the use of hydrants, which cost around \$2,500 each installed.
- Relay for Life is set for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. Mr. Finney asked for a volunteer from the Commission to read the proclamation to start the event. Mr. Gallagher offered to attend.
- A resident on Windsor Drive has requested permission from the City to go off our water/sewer system and attach to Gallia County Rural Water and his own septic system. The resident seems to believe that EPA would have no problem with this, but the City Manager and Commissioners expressed skepticism, particularly in light of the fact that EPA is pushing the County to provide sewage treatment for all County residents. No one favored granting permission.
- Mr. Finney sent a letter to ODOT, asking if they would have any issues with changing the traffic pattern around the Park to two-way. He also asked them to install a traffic light at the intersection of Court Street and Second Avenue. He will report on their response when received.
- Student Resource Officer - Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the contract with the Gallipolis City Schools for a Student Resource Officer, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Gallagher, who was not present for the discussion at the prior meeting, asked about payment and whether the officer would be available for response to City emergencies. Mr. Finney told him that the School Board would pay \$28,000 annually, in monthly installments, and the officer would be available for City emergencies. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- With one officer now to be serving as Student Resource Officer, there is a need to hire another full-time officer to serve in the ordinary operations of the department. Mark Still was next in line from the prior interviews and was recommended for the position. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the hiring of Mark Still, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Finney requested executive session for a couple of items.
- Mr. Finney distributed a news release from the Gallipolis Police Department, which addresses crosswalk enforcement. They plan to begin by issuing warnings, eventually transitioning to citations. By law, drivers must yield to pedestrians who have stepped off the curb into the crosswalk, even if a painted crosswalk does not exist at the intersection. Many drivers are failing to observe this law.

The City Auditor presented the July Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the July Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers presented a list of inactive, delinquent water/sewer accounts for approval to certify to the County Auditor for collection. She reported amounts collected and efforts made to contact those remaining uncollected. She asked Commissioners to contact people on the list that they know to remind them to pay before she submits the list prior to the second Monday in September. Those who pay will be removed from the final list. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the list presented for certification to the County Auditor, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor requested executive session to discuss pending lawsuits.

Mr. Brown asked about the street sweeper repairs. Mr. Finney responded that the damage caused by the accident was more extensive than originally thought. There appears to be damage to the drive shaft and the transmission, which will drive up the cost of repairs enough to turn in to our insurance. The driver who hit the sweeper had no insurance.

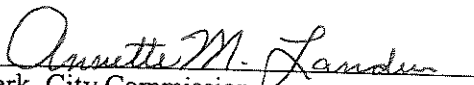
Mr. Brown asked if more asphalt could be put on Hedgewood Drive. The City Manager stated that it would cost at least \$18,000, but he would look at whether we might grind down and smooth what is there.


Mr. Finney informed the Commission that they fired up the screen in the new headworks building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said that it is amazing what it is filtering out. This will protect our pumps and the entire system.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2014-40 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE WALTER H. DRANE COMPANY.** Mr. Brown 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 for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2014-41 entitled **AN 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, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-38, AMENDING SECTION D5, WATER DISTRIBUTION/SEWER COLLECTION, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel in the Police Department and pending litigation, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to enter executive session as stated, 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