

January 7, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 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 E. 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
 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
 Clint Patterson

Commission received the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Spruce Street Flood Road – There is a section of the flood road that does not have an easement. This easement is currently being worked on.
- There will be a meeting with GDC concerning water service on February 27th. Mr. Finney would like a couple of Commissioners to attend, if possible.
- The annual Chamber Dinner will be Thursday, January 23rd, at 6 p.m. Mr. Finney asked for the names of those planning to attend, so that tickets can be purchased. All of the Commissioners and the City Solicitor plan to attend.
- Mr. Finney recommended and Ms. Karen McCarty has agreed to serve on the City Park Advisory Board. Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Ms. McCarty to the City Park Advisory Board, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Finney plans to ask Ms. Barb Wallen to serve another term on the Sinking Fund Board.
- Mr. Finney distributed a 5-year plan for sanitary sewer issues, which will be presented to the Ohio EPA. Mr. Swisher incorporated Ameresco's reports in creating this plan, which Mr. Finney went over in detail.
- Mr. Finney is taking time off on Friday after 2 p.m.
- Mr. Finney requested executive session to discuss personnel and buying and selling of property.

The City Auditor presented the December 2013 Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to approve the December 2013 Financial Statement, which also includes the November 2013 Financial Statement figures, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers informed the Commission that Mr. Max Uhl has requested to meet at 6 p.m. on February 4th for the performance audit review. In discussion, it was determined that this would conflict with a public hearing already scheduled for that date and time. Commissioners requested that he come sometime in April or later.

Commissioners discussed when to schedule the first budget session. They agreed to meet on January 21st at 5 p.m.

President Wallis suggested that Commissioners come up with a list of the top three projects for which they would like to seek funding. This will allow for consistency when approaching potential funding sources. Mr. Finney said that he should hear in February about funding for the riverfront project.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-01 entitled **EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO JAMES A. COZZA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES RENDERED AS PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIM.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN PREPARED BY A CORE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING VARIOUS ENTITIES IN GALLIA COUNTY.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2013-74 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES (VESI) INC. AS A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC PROVIDER FOR MUNICIPAL LOCATIONS.** 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, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cremeens, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Johnson voted yes. Mr. Wallis abstained. Ordinance No. O2013-74 was adopted on second reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY'S INDIGENT CITIZENS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

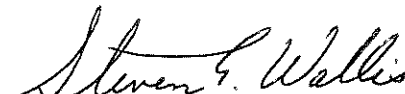
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GALLIA COUNTY FOR THE BOARDING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Mr. Finney informed the Commissioners that the contracted daily cost went up \$3 from \$65 to \$68. He is still trying to negotiate on the cost, perhaps to get them to agree to reserve more beds for our use. Judge Evans is setting up a video conferencing arrangement with Middleport. They currently handle about 75% of our out-of-county prisoners. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-03 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH DOLL LAYMAN FOR RELOCATION OF AEP PRIMARY FEED FOR THE WPCF HEADWORKS PROJECT.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. There was a short discussion of the location of these poles. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cremeens, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Johnson voted yes. Mr. Wallis abstained. Ordinance No. O2014-03 was placed on first reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-04 entitled **AN EMERGENCY 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, AMENDING C6(d), COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Cremeens observed that the wording of the ordinance was inconsistent in the section number cited. Mr. Johnson made a motion to amend the wording to consistently cite Section C6(d), seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to amend the wording, all votes were yes. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel (police department manning) and legal matters (buying and selling of property) per ORC 121.22, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to enter executive session, 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