

January 29, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 6:00 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  
 Michael W. Brown, Member  
 James A. Cozza, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor, arrived late  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Tony Gallagher                  Ronnie Lynch                  Keith Elliott  
 Josh Staley                          Amanda Staley                  Ed Waggoner  
 Cletus Harder                      Joseph Woodall                  Clint Patterson  
 Karen Knisley

Commission received the minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road Repair – Work is moving along, in spite of the weather. Several of the pilings are now in place.
- Administrative Offices – Most of the outside concrete work is in place now, except for the sidewalk out front and some other small areas.
- Mr. Finney requested executive session to discuss contracts: IT services contract.
- WPC Plant upgrade – A representative from the Ohio EPA would like to attend the next Commission meeting to discuss loan funding for the WPC facility upgrade.
- Atlas Marketing – There will be a preliminary meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Courthouse to discuss plans for the meeting with Atlas on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Finney is meeting with OPWC in Piketon on Wednesday to discuss applied-for funding for the WPC Plant upgrade.
- Justice Center telephone service – After numerous telephone outages, Horizon now says that the fiber coming into the Justice Center is very poor and we may need to switch to another provider. Mr. Finney is looking into our options.

Mr. Finney asked Gallipolis Fire Chief Elliott to speak on appointments to the Gallipolis Volunteer Fire Department. He reviewed the applications of Mr. Josh Staley and Mr. Joseph Woodall. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the appointments of Mr. Staley and Mr. Woodall, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Finney recommended the appointment of Mr. Jim Osborne to the Recreation Board. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. Jim Osborne to the Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to approve this appointment, all votes were yes.

The City Auditor presented the following invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$29,423 from E.L. Robinson for design fees for the old Mound Hill Road repair. Invoice 8/26/12. P.O. 1/15/13
- \$3,000 from Woodland Centers for court training. Invoice 10/17/12. P.O. 12/27/12
- \$4,847.25 from C.I. Thornburg for relocation of fire hydrant. Invoice 12/18/12. P.O. 1/15/13
- \$18,795.48 from Waste Management for December refuse pick-up. Invoice 1/1/13. P.O. 1/2/13

Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion to approve payment, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers went over two changes in the temporary appropriations on the agenda tonight. The first was to appropriate the remaining amount in the COPS Technology Grant Fund to allow timely expenditure of the \$3,087.88 remaining from that grant. The other was an additional \$340 for Water Debt Service to correct an error in the amount due in early 2013 from this fund line.

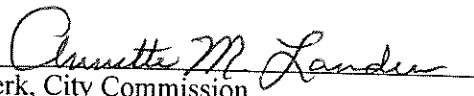
Mr. Cozza inquired about a house that is being torn down by a private individual, not from grant funding. Mr. Brown reported that he is still looking into funding for renovations for the old railroad depot.

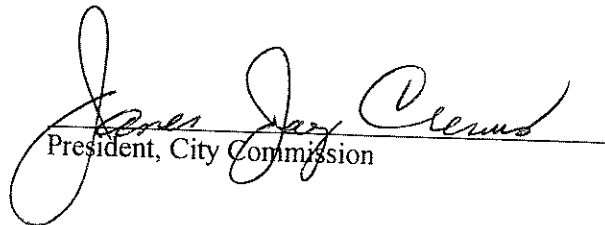
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-03 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2012-85, SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss I.T contracts, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session.

During the budget work session, Mr. Ronnie Lynch presented the Tax Department budget. Ms. Karen Knisley presented Utility Billing. The appointed officials also presented their budgets. This concluded all of the departments' presentations. Mr. Finney and Ms. Landers will work on trimming the overall budget before presenting it again to the Commission.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission