

March 30, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, March 30, 2015, at 5:00 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
James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member
W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, Interim City Manager
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
Ronnie Lynch Mary Lee Marchi Keith A. Sheets

Commission received the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. President Wallis pointed out the omission of "vice" from Vice-President Cremeens on page 2 of the minutes. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He and Ed Swisher attended the meeting with EPA in Logan on March 20th. EPA seemed most concerned with Vine Street, Airport Road, Chillicothe Road, and Belmont Avenue, which are all being addressed in our plans. They suggested that we walk the lines, looking particularly for manhole covers that are not adequately secured. Mr. Greene informed the Commissioners that the County has a fee upon sale of property to check whether eve spouts are connected to the sanitary sewer. The City could consider doing something similar. Mr. Cremeens pointed out that Mr. Swisher conducted smoke testing not very long ago to detect those connections. The County uses a dye. Regarding the ground water at Airport Road, President Wallis stated that there was a drainage issue up there a few years ago; and he thought that we were supposed to put in some drainage into a pond, but he was not sure if it was done.
- Fines for parking tickets have not been increased for many years. Mr. Greene is most concerned with those for handicapped parking and fire lane violations. After some discussion, Commissioners requested that Mr. Greene prepare a spreadsheet to compare fines from nearby communities.
- The new drop box for the water/sewer billing department is installed and already in use.
- Mr. Greene now has the contact information for the vendor who provided the plaque for the Justice Center. All he needs to proceed is what the Commission wants to put on the plaque. Mr. Cremeens is working on this question.
- The Gallipolis in Bloom Committee was wondering if the City could offer an incentive for the winners of their "Yard of the Week" program, such as a break on their water bill for that month. President Wallis was skeptical that such an award could be offered since the proceeds from water bills belong to that enterprise fund.
- Mr. Greene will be meeting with the engineer and the contractor for the WWTP project on Wednesday morning, April 1st, to discuss concerns over the lack of progress. They each seem to be blaming the other, resulting in no apparent activity on the project.

- On Friday, April 3rd, Mr. Greene plans to attend a meeting on water/sewer grants in Lancaster with Mr. Swisher, Ms. Landers, and Mr. Gallagher. That is a holiday for city workers, so the municipal building will be closed for business that day.
- On April 7th, AEP will shut off the electricity in the City from 11 p.m. to midnight for scheduled maintenance. Mr. Greene will notify residents and businesses appropriately through the media, website, and/or "Notify Now" system. Mr. Gallagher noted that some of the traffic lights are on battery back-up. Mr. Greene will have heightened coverage for critical areas, such as police (traffic control and public safety) and at the treatment plants.
- The lights in the Streetscape area will be off tonight for Crisenberry's work in the City Park.

The City Auditor read the formal certification of maximum maturities for each of the bond issuances on tonight's agenda.

The City Solicitor informed the Commission that the second jury trial conducted recently resulted in another guilty verdict, this one after just sixteen minutes of jury deliberation. Commissioners congratulated him on his excellent skill in prosecuting both cases.


There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. 2015-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS THERETO FOR USE AS A PARKING LOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. 2015-21 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF GRANTS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING IMPROVING THIS MUNICIPALITY'S RIVERFRONT BY CONSTRUCTING BOATING AND FISHING ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. 2015-22 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS ENTITIES FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CONTRIBUTION.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. 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