

July 28, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, July 28, 2014, at 4:30 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:
 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 Keith Sheets Mary Lee Marchi
 Ed Swisher

The City Manager opened discussion on electric aggregation by stating that he had listened to last meeting's recording twice and wanted to apologize for not hearing about getting back together with the Commission before signing a contract. He said that the request was in there, but after forty minutes of wide-ranging discussions, he simply missed it. He was trying to respond to residents' requests for information in the letter that was put on hold. President Wallis said that he understood that the discussions were long and perhaps confusing, but the Commissioners wanted to be briefed before a final decision and the residents were contacted so that they could answer questions that might come their way.

Mr. Finney went over the calculations, which were on a spreadsheet that he displayed on-screen. He said that he understood that AEP does a lot for the community, but the Charter and Ohio Revised Code required that he look at the numbers to take the lowest and best bidder. This was Aspen, out of Dublin, Ohio. They are planning a public meeting on Thursday, August 7th, at 7 p.m. to help explain aggregation to those interested.

President Wallis asked if it was possible to get out of the contract now that it is signed. Mr. Salisbury advised that there was no way to legally get out of our signed contract. Mr. Finney said that perhaps they seemed to be easy to work with and might allow it if he went back and asked, but he did not want to add any more confusion to the process if not necessary.

Mr. Ours asked when the new aggregation plan would go into effect. Mr. Finney answered that when the old plan expires, everyone will fall back to service with AEP Ohio for a short period of time. People must opt out of the new plan by September 12th. On September 29th, the new plan goes into effect for a three-year period.

President Wallis poled the Commissioners to see if all were in favor of going ahead with the matter (Aspen Energy's aggregation plan). There were no dissenters. All seemed in favor.

Mr. Finney stated that he needs to go to bid for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, which is on tonight's agenda as an emergency resolution. Mr. Swisher has been working with the engineer on re-designing the project to get the engineer's estimate honed better. The goal was to get the debt service on the project to the amount that we are currently paying on Ameresco, which is \$350,000 per year. Ameresco ends in April of 2015. Payments on this project would begin in 2016. Ms. Landers stated that the Sewer Fund has been gaining ground over the last few years even with the Ameresco payments. They should be able to quite comfortably make these payments.

Mr. Gallagher thanked everyone for the card he received while in the hospital.


There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-16 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY UPGRADE**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Commissioners decided to hold off to the next meeting any discussion of the contract between the Gallipolis City Schools and the City for the Student Resource Officer.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission