

January 15, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7:00 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  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Tony Gallagher                  Ronnie Lynch                  Keith Elliott  
 Joy Elliott

Commission received the minutes of the January 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:

- Mound Hill Road Repair – Foill has begun work. They have been moving a great deal of soil, building an access road to work from. They have also been grinding down the surface of the old road.
- FEMA reimbursements – Laura Adcock has been assisting with a second appeal for FEMA participation on the emergency access road. This appeal will be going to the federal level and could take six to nine months for a response.
- Administrative Offices – The sub-contractor working on the parking lot had to go down two more feet in the area behind the building to get to good soil. Forms are up now for the sidewalks out front. They plan to pour the concrete all at once and saw cut it. On the inside of the building, the drywall is almost all done. The City Manager has requested a date from the contractor when we can have access to the building for scheduling finishing touches, such as telephone line installation, and move-in.
- The Police Chief received a letter from the Division of Liquor Control that Go Mart, Wal-Mart, and Smokin' Robs have all received extensions that allow them to continue their beer sales while things are straightened out with their licensing.
- As approved by Commission at the last meeting, Mr. Finney and Brett Bostic will be attending the OCCD Housing class on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. OVRDC also meets on the 24<sup>th</sup> in Waverly. The Chamber dinner is that evening.
- The City will observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Mr. Finney has discussed with Mr. Troy Johnson from the Gallipolis City Schools the idea of periodically each day having police officers walk through the schools in town. The Commissioners were in favor of this. Mr. Finney and Chief Patterson will work with the schools to arrange the details.

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

The following invoices over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$14,000 from AT&T for damages to a phone line. Invoice 5/16/11. P.O. 12/17/12
- \$7,928 from Supreme Asphalt for the lot across from the Justice Center. Invoice 10/9/12. P.O. 12/27/12
- \$16,536 from Creative Microsystems for annual software fees. Invoice 11/19/12. P.O. 1/3/13
- \$18,961.36 from Waste Management for November refuse pick-up. Invoice 12/1/12. P.O. 12/5/12
- \$21,826.75 from Travelers for quarterly property/liability insurance premium. Invoice 12/12/12. P.O. 1/2/13

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Wallis asked about the date of the invoice from AT&T. Mr. Finney said that this was the damage claim that the City negotiated down from their original claim. Upon voice vote on the motion to approve payment, all votes were yes.

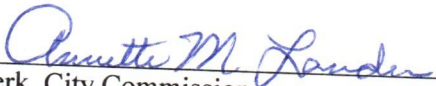
Ms. Landers reminded those interested in running for City Commission that petitions can be circulated, beginning on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Paperwork is due in to the County Board of Elections and City Auditor's office on or before Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioners discussed the condition of the old train station. All of the Commissioners were in agreement that something must be done to preserve the building before it deteriorates to the point that it cannot be saved. After much discussion, Mr. Brown offered to seek options for funding its preservation.

Mr. Finney told the Commissioners that he is preparing a letter to be sent to utility customers, informing them of changes they will be seeing in February, which includes new letter-style bills, on-line access to their accounts, credit card payments, NotifyNOW system, and moving to the new administrative offices on Third Avenue.

During the budget work session, Chief Elliott presented the Fire Department's proposed budget. Mr. Dave Walters presented proposed budgets for the operations departments that he supervises. The next budget session was set for Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

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

  
 Clerk, City Commission

  
 President, City Commission