

February 3, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 7:30 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:

M. Eugene Greene, Interim City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Mary Lee Marchi                      Beverly Dunkle  
 Marvin Vanderberg                      Keith Elliott                      Joy Elliott  
 Michael Fulks                      Jeff Boyer                      Keith A. Sheets  
 Jeff Snedaker                      Vera Snedaker                      Clint Patterson  
 Dottie Chestnut                      Randy Breech                      Michael Johnson  
 Claudia Miller

Commission received the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Beverly Dunkle, representing Gallipolis In Bloom, informed the Commission that Gallipolis is now in the "Circle of Champions" in the America In Bloom competition. This means that we will be judged now against others, of all population sizes, in the Champions category rather than in our population category. We are also now eligible to compete in the International Challenge, pitting our town against others around the world. To participate, we would need to pay an additional fee and provide food, housing, and transportation for two additional judges to come and evaluate our town. Ms. Dunkle said that she did not believe that the cost for this would be justified, but it is an honor to be invited to participate.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Love's Truck Stop opens on February 19th.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade is set to begin on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The second public hearing on the Gallipolis Riverfront Project is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The trees along Second Avenue were removed due to damage. They are looking into replacing them with decorative planters.
- Plans are being formulated to begin work in 2015 for sewer projects on Belmont Avenue and the Vine Street Pump Station Sewer Line Upgrade.

- The WV Land Trust is still interested in obtaining Gallipolis Island. They would want the current owners to retain mineral rights.
- Speedway on Second Avenue is planning a major construction project to begin soon. Commissioners discussed events in the City, but determined that the construction should not interfere with any planned events or other projects.

The City Auditor presented the December 2014 Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the December Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked the Commissioners whether they wished to approve the TREX transfer of liquor licenses that was included in the packet. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the TREX transfer from Skyline Lanes to Gallipolis Colony Club (418 Second Avenue) and not to require a hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to approve the TREX transfer and not to require a hearing, all votes were yes.

Petitions to run for City Commission are due February 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Landers had some available for potential candidates to pick up at tonight's meeting. She announced that they are also available during normal office hours at the Municipal Building.

Commissioners discussed when to begin budget hearings with department supervisors. They decided to have the first before and after the February 17<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The next hearing will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

The City Solicitor reported that he has updated his portion of our website, including a mission statement, a listing of services his office provides, as well as links to other relevant information. He requested executive session to discuss several lawsuits.

Mr. Johnson noted that Gallipolis in Lights completed the removal of decorations from the Park last Saturday. They hope to add another 300 balls next Christmas. The electrical upgrade in the park will help with lighting. They are planning a 5K race on May 16<sup>th</sup>. They will need help from the police, fire, and streets departments, as well as the cooperation of residents on First Avenue. They are expecting around 1,000 participants.

President Wallis asked the Commissioners if they would like to change the meeting time back to 7 p.m. Mr. Greene and Ms. Landers assured the Commissioners that it would present no problem for them. After a short discussion, Commissioners agreed to go back to the 7 p.m. meeting time, beginning on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH JEANNE INGLES FNP-BC FAMILY PRACTICE FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APOINTED OFFICIALS.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. O2015-03 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH CANADAY CARE LLC FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED**

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There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-04 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-71, AMENDING SECTION C6(D), COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** 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. O2015-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR GALLIPOLIS RIVERFRONT PROJECT – PHASE I.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. O2015-06 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF OHIO TO PERFORM STATE ROUTE 7 RESURFACING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCOMPLISH SAID PROJECT AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.** Mr. Brown 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 was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-07 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ODNR NATUREWORKS OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE FOR ADDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE GALLIPOLIS CITY PARK.** Mr. Gallagher 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. O2015-08 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT, FOR GALLIPOLIS BOATING AND FISHING ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS GRANT.** 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 a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1139.03 “PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED” AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Mr. Salisbury explained the ordinances as a group. He said that the changes include additions recommended by the State Historical Preservation Office. President Wallis noted that these ordinances would appease the State. Mr. Salisbury added that they also satisfy federal requirements, an important consideration for

future grants. There was discussion of amending some of the wording of the ordinances, particularly to allow the use of non-residents for the specialized positions on the board, but eventually it was agreed that the present wording allows for that. Mr. Brown voiced his opposition to any changes. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1345.02 "DEFINITIONS" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-11 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1345.03 "ESTABLISHMENT OF A HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1345.04 "POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1345.05 "PROCEDURES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF A LISTED PROPERTY OR HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to enter executive session to discuss purchase and sale of property and pending lawsuits, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to enter executive session for the stated reasons, all votes were yes. President Wallis announced that there would be no business after executive session. Upon conclusion 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