

February 11, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in the Gallipolis Municipal Courtroom on Olive Street, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President 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, arrived shortly after roll call

Others attending were:
Randall J. Finney, City Manager
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2012-03 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HENKLE AVENUE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Mr. Finney explained where the new line would go and the projected cost. The Commission discussed all aspects of the project. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2012-04 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL ON HEDGEWOOD DRIVE**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Mr. Finney told the Commissioners that FEMA has agreed to assist with only the upper 200 feet of the road. The projected cost for the entire 700 feet of repairs would be around \$1 million. Mr. Wallis asked if the project could be approached in phases to allow the City to limit the present project to what we can afford to do now. Ms. Landers cautioned that dedication of any portion of the permissive license tax to debt service for road repairs would not relieve the General Fund from ultimately paying for these projects. It would merely allow the payments to be made over a twenty year period rather than all in one year. This is due to the fact that the General Fund already must subsidize M&R Streets each year for any shortfall from gasoline and license taxes, typically between \$30,000 and \$60,000. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes. R2012-04 was placed on first reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2012-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR REVITALIZATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS DOWNTOWN**

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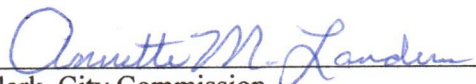
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BUSINESS DISTRICT. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. There was discussion of the cost involved, which is not known at this time. Several of the Commissioners endorsed looking into other free or low-cost sources for this type of service. They also mentioned a downtown study that was done a few years ago, which might provide some insight for this project. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2012-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VSL SIGNS FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY FOR STORAGE AND PARKING FOR GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICES.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney explained that this was an extension of the lease of parking and storage facilities (next door at the old Empire Furniture) for the Municipal Court. There was an error on one of the dates in the contract, which must be fixed before signing. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

President Cremeens opened the Budget Work Session for the 2012 Proposed Budget. Ms. Landers went over the estimated revenues for the General Fund. She next suggested that the Commission focus their attention on discussion of the proposed appropriations. In the short time remaining, they reviewed appropriations in the Debt Service Fund. There was no immediate agreement for a date for the next budget hearing. A date and time will be set after consultation by e-mail.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission