

February 19, 2019

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission Vice-President Steven Wallis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Cody C. Caldwell, Member
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member
 Beau Sang, Member

Michael C. Fulks, President, arrived just prior to the public hearing.

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Joy Elliott	Jeff Boyer
Keith Elliott	Dottie Chestnut	Claudia Miller
Grace Hill	Shana Cochran	Kimber Daus
Marvin Ours	Olusegun Agaja	

Commission received the minutes of the February 5, 2019 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Fulks opened the Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget. Ms. Landers gave a brief overview of the budget. Overall budget appropriations this year are \$8,964,130.02. Salaries and benefits make up \$3,957,082. Capital purchases account for \$1,180,242.02. Debt service for all bonds, loans, and leases comes to \$802,432.14. These three items make up two-thirds of the budget. Budget requests in the General Fund are \$148,000 lower than last year's budget. This is mainly due to reductions in full-time staffing and requests for capital equipment. Mr. Greene has spent the past few years replacing aged capital equipment so that departments do not need as much replaced this year.

Mr. Greene went over the projects included in this year's budget as well as recapping projects completed in 2018. In the City Park, the electrical work is complete, as well as refurbishing the Bandstand. This year, we will do the work on the Kerr Fountain and possibly some other projects in the Park, if ODNR will allow us to add additional work to use the remainder of their grant. We plan to do around \$200,000 of paving if our paving grant is approved. Also, the Airport Road Project has some remaining work to be completed this year. We are still seeking funding to raise the level of the bridge on Spruce Street, which would likely cost over \$200,000.

Following their presentations, they fielded a few questions from Commissioners, with the public invited to participate in the Q&A session. This concluded the public hearing. The first reading on the budget is on tonight's agenda.

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The City Manager reported on the following:

- With the wet weather, the Maintenance Department has been busy filling potholes. Several of our back alleys and side streets are in need of repair or repaving this year.
- There is a small slip on Chillicothe Road that the Maintenance Department is working on. They plan to look for water leaks, but it is too wet to do so right now.
- The new dumpster is now in place across the street. The old one will soon be removed. This move was requested by some of the merchants.
- Maintenance crews are cleaning up from the winds we had last week.
- We are still looking for grants or possible County help to raise the Spruce Street Bridge. We do not have the funds to handle this project without help.
- The task force has inspected the property on Court Street. We need to have a structural engineer evaluate the property, but the property owner would need to pay for that. A company has been contacted and their quote for services will be given to the property owner.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for legal matters and buying & selling of property.

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

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

- \$4,518.45 from Workers Comp for monthly premium. Invoice: 1/25/19. PO: 2/1/19.
- \$19,749.16 from OVB for fire station bond. Invoice: 1/30/19. PO: 2/1/19.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers again reminded everyone that petitions to run for City Commissioner are due at the Board of Elections and her office on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Chief Elliott was invited to discuss appointing board members for the Firefighters Dependents' Fund. Mr. Sang and Mr. Wallis represented the Commission on last year's board. They agreed to continue serving.

Mr. Gallagher spoke about recent mass shootings and said that he really wants to get better protection for employees in the administrative offices. Mr. Greene said that the contractor that he consulted said that glass for the service window in front would run around \$10,000, but would leave other vulnerabilities unaddressed. There was discussion of moving the payment window further into the foyer area to restrict public access to interior corridors. Funding sources, such as grants and donations, were also discussed. Due to security concerns, Mr. Wallis and Chief Boyer urged limiting discussions of details in the public arena.

Mr. Sang mentioned that River City Fellowship is interested in helping with projects around town. Mr. Greene said that he has been talking to them about some possibilities, such as at the pool.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2019-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY WITH THE TOWNSHIPS OF ADDISON, CLAY, GREEN, AND GALLIPOLIS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. 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. O2019-05 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME**. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

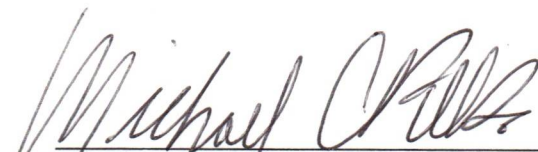
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2019-06 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2019-07 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters and buying and selling of property, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to enter executive session for legal matters and buying and selling of property, all votes were yes. President Fulks announced that there would be no business following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission