The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Michael Fulks called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

## Others attending were:

Ronnie Lynch, Acting City Manager Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer

Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune

Marvin Vanderberg

Marvin Ours Brynn Noe

Joy Elliott Keith Elliott

Bradie Angell

**Brent Saunders** 

Commission received the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Fulks opened the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget. Ms. Landers gave a brief overview of the condition of the General Fund at the end of the year 2017. She explained the items contained in the handouts given to those present: a summary of estimated resources by fund, followed by a summary of expenses by fund, a breakdown of salaries and benefits by department, capital expenses, and transfers and advances. This was followed by a report on projects for this year, capital items to be purchased, and a period for questions.

The Acting City Manager reported on the following:

- High water affected several areas of the City. The Vine Street and Spruce Street bridges were flooded. The boat dock was damaged. City crews have been busy dealing with flooding issues.
- Maintenance crews have also been busy repairing water leaks and replacing boards on the white benches surrounding the City Park.
- The City is still working with GDC's representative to get specifics for installing a new water main to connect GDC to our water system.
- We are working with Ohio University's Community Health Representative to promote a "Women's Cancer Screening Event" in the City Park on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- An application has been sent to the Ohio EPA to remain on the triennial lead and copper testing schedule rather than to switch to annual testing. On the application, we demonstrated that our water system's lead and copper levels have been below state standards of maximums allowable since we began testing in the early 90's.
- The Planning Commission will be meeting on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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The City Solicitor requested executive session to discuss pending lawsuits and contracts.

Mr. Gallagher spoke about the meeting at St. Peter Episcopal Church on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., organized by Rev. A.J. Stack. He said that the meeting, held in response to the school shooting in Florida, was well received and productive. The group is seeking to raise awareness and involvement of the community in finding solutions to protect our children. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for next Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Mr. Sang said that a man has been riding a motorized bicycle down the bike trail. He suggested installing better barricades and/or a camera for the police to monitor. Ms. Angell pointed out that the bike trail is O.O. McIntyre Park District property, so they would be the ones to place any barricades or cameras. Mr. Wallis suggested letting the City administration look into the matter and advise the Commission.

President Fulks praised the City employees for the good job they have done with the weather and flooding. He also praised Gallipolis in Lights for placing blue lights on a tree in the park in memory of two patrolmen recently lost in the line of duty in Westerville, Ohio.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2018-05 entitled AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (POLICE CPT TRAINING). 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 a Resolution No. R2018-06 entitled AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADAM R. SALISBURY AS THE CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 20 AND 21 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Gallagher stated that he still thinks that City jobs should be advertised and open to anyone. Mr. Wallis agreed that the Commission had discussed this before, but this is for a continuation of Mr. Salisbury's employment until he moves, at which time the position would be advertised. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, Mr. Gallagher voted no. All other votes were yes. This resolution was placed on first reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2018-08 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. Mr. Caldwell 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. O2018-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2018-07 entitled AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 941.05, CEMETERY FEES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO. Mr. Sang made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2018-10 entitled AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR ACTING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ODOT FOR MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session for legal matters/lawsuits and contracts, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

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

Clerk, City Commission

President, City Commission