

March 1, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Patricia Davis	Mary Lee Marchi
Jeff Boyer	Randy Breech	Marvin Vanderberg
Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott	Bradie Angell
Amber Fellure	Susan Grady	

Commission received the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Gallagher opened the Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget. The City Manager began by going over projects that the City is currently undertaking, which include:

- Park-front Project (totally grant funded). This project will be going out to bid this month and will be paid in full thirty to forty days following completion.
- City Park Electrical Upgrade (75% grant funded/25% local share paid from VESI Fund)
- Bandstand renovations (seeking outside funding)
- Spruce Street Lift Station (paid out of WPC Fund). The lift station failed last night. Rather than replace the pump, they have rented portable pumps and are pressing to begin the project as soon as possible. It was bid out last fall and projected to begin this spring.
- WWTP Upgrade (paid from WPC Fund). The project is now 60% complete and projected for completion by fall.
- Water Treatment Plant (paid from Water Fund) will be doing some upgrades on pumps and clearwells and cleaning up the lagoon for the EPA. This will be pay as we go, with no anticipated financing.

Mr. Greene emphasized that the City is focusing on putting as much as possible back into our infrastructure without going to outside contractors for planning or construction.

Ms. Landers spoke of the tightness of the General Fund's budget. She praised the department heads for their efforts in reducing their budget requests to go from an initial General Fund shortfall of more than \$300,000 to a slim \$10,000 projected carryover. She cautioned that this was still an unacceptable amount

to take into the next year, even in light of the fact that not all budgeted amounts will be expended. If the income tax levy does not pass, then additional cuts will be necessary.

President Gallagher asked if there were any questions from those attending. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and went on to Privilege of Floor.

Ms. Patricia Davis, representing Fellowship Baptist Church, was recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. Ms. Davis was asking for relief on a high water bill resulting from a frozen, burst pipe that flooded their church recently. They are not on the City sewer, so do not need a sewer adjustment. Ms. Davis said that she did not know why the church had not signed up for the water leak insurance under previous leadership, but they have now done so. They are not eligible for coverage for this prior event. After some discussion of the handling of prior, similar appeals, Mr. Johnson made a motion to "split the difference" (of the amount in excess of an average bill) between the City and the church, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- At the February 25, 2016 meeting with Speedway, the last day of operation for the old store was announced as March 16, 2016. They will close the store, pull out the utilities, and begin construction. They plan to have all work completed and the new store open by June 29th.
- Street crews have been busy patching city streets, replacing signs, and cleaning roadsides. This is in addition to all of the work they have been doing on water lines.

Mr. Greene requested executive session to discuss the selling of property.

The City Auditor presented the following invoices over \$3000 for approval of payment:

- \$3,033.85 from Geotech for SR 588 Slip Repair. Invoice: 10-04-15/PO: 2/9/16
- \$3,001.60 from NUKO Paving for SR 588 Slip Repair. Invoice: 11/25/15/PO: 2/9/16
- \$18,672.54 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade. Invoice: 12/30/15/PO: 2/16/16
- \$20,484.36 from Waste Management for Dec. Refuse. Invoice: 1/1/16/PO:1/4/16
- \$19,749.16 from OVB for Fire Station Bond. Invoice 1/6/16/PO: 2/1/16
- \$3,000 from Henschen & Assc for Court off-site back-up. Invoice: 1/11/16/PO:1/21/16
- \$4,811.44 from AEP for street lights. Invoice: 1/29/16/PO: 2/1/16
- \$3,960.85 from Wesbanco for Cruiser Lease pmt. Invoice: 2/4/16/PO: 2/10/16

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

Ms. Landers explained the need for Ordinance O2016-15 to amend the contract for Local Government Services to provide compilation services for the 2015 financial statements. The amount requested needs to be amended to \$6,000 from \$4,500 in the original contract for additional procedures needed due to changes in requirements. Ms. Landers said that she had originally budgeted \$7,800 because she was expecting a change. This \$6,000 figure was known in time to be included in the final budget figures in tonight's appropriations ordinance. General Fund's share of this is \$2,260.18. Commissioners were provided a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of 2016 audit costs by fund for both the compilation work and the biennial audit.

Ordinance No. O2016-16, also on tonight's agenda, is for the \$80,000 Parking Lot Bond. Ohio Valley Bank offered the lowest interest rate (3.65%) for a 10-year BAN with semi-annual payments due June 1 & December 1, beginning June 1, 2016 and maturing June 1, 2025. Wesbanco, the only other bidder, offered an interest rate of 3.91%. As part of the bond documents, the City Auditor certified the maximum maturity of the bonds at 26 years.

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The City Solicitor requested executive session for discussion of the buying and selling of property.

Mr. Brandeberry spoke briefly of the OML training for new council members that he and Mr. Fulks attended on Saturday, March 27th in Columbus. He said that it was very informative.

President Gallagher thanked Mr. Dean Wright, reporter for the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, for meeting with City officials recently and reporting on the purpose for the tax levy. His well-written article was in the Sunday paper. Officials will be doing a radio interview on March 11th to get the word out to voters just prior to the primary.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2016-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

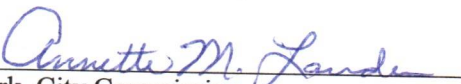
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2016-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-14 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME.** Mr. Fulks 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. O2016-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-49, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE (GASB-34 LOOK-ALIKE STATEMENTS) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. 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. O2016-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS THERETO FOR USE AS A PARKING LOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the buying and selling of property, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. Upon completion 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