

March 3, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 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
 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
 Michael Johnson, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Mary Lee Marchi Marvin Vanderberg
 Clinton Patterson Keith Elliott Joy Elliott
 Keith Sheets Chris Munn Amber Fellure

Commission received the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Wallis opened the Public Hearing on the 2015 Proposed Budget. Mr. Greene highlighted many of the projects and capital items included in this year's budget. Ms. Landers apologized for not having handouts due to the breakdown of the large copy machine. She compared this year's budgeted figures with historical spending in the General Fund and overall. President Wallis emphasized efforts to keep spending down due to continued reduced revenues. There being no questions from those attending, the Public Hearing was closed.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Ms. Chris Munn of Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. to present their annual report on the electrical energy aggregation program. She presented their check for \$11,912.22, which is the last we will be receiving from the electrical aggregation program because we contracted with another vendor last year. We still have our gas aggregation program with Volunteer Energy. Checks for that program are presented in the fall. President Wallis thanked Ms. Munn for their generous check.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Crisenberry Electric was the only bidder on the ODNR Natureworks City Park Electrical Upgrade Project. Their bid of \$17,162 is up for approval in an ordinance on tonight's agenda.
- The second public hearing on the Riverfront Project was held on February 24th. It was not as well attended as the first hearing, presumably because most people were satisfied with issues addressed at the first hearing.
- Salt supplies at the garage are down around 50% due to the recent bad weather.
- Work on the slip on SR588 is on track to begin this spring. The County is administering this project's funding.
- On March 20th, there will be a meeting in Logan with the EPA on the City's sewer projects.

The City Auditor presented ten invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

1. \$33,550 from Public Entities Pool for property/casualty insurance. Invoice: 9/29/14. PO: 2/12/15,
 2. \$15,500 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade engineering. Invoice: 10/17/14. PO: 1/2/15,
 3. \$21,550 from Creative Microsystems for annual software fees. Invoice: 11/26/14. PO: 1/2/15,
 4. \$6,000 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade engineering. Invoice: 11/28/14. PO: 1/2/15,
 5. \$19,538.22 from Waste Management for Nov. refuse. Invoice: 12/1/14. PO: 12/2/14,
 6. \$6,055 from Gallia Co Sheriff for work release center. Invoice 12/8/14. PO: 1/2/15,
 7. \$7,000 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade engineering. Invoice: 12/22/14. PO: 2/10/15,
 8. \$5,647.98 from Bob's Mkt. for supplies for Gallipolis In Lights. Invoice: 11/23/14. PO: 12/17/14,
 9. \$19,551.76 from Waste Management for Dec. refuse. Invoice: 1/1/15. PO: 1/2/15, and
 10. \$3,000 from Henschen for Court's remote back-up. Invoice: 1/12/15. PO: 2/10/15.
- Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve payment of these invoices, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked permission to solicit bids for financing a one-year Bond Anticipation Note for the purchase and development of property. The cost of the property is \$80,000, with an estimated additional \$20,000 for gravel and underlayment cloth to create a parking lot across from the municipal building. By going out for a one-year BAN, principal and interest will be due on maturity, at which time the City can pay down the principal from any surplus property sold in the meantime and finance the remainder. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the solicitation of bids, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Permission was also sought to establish a \$200,000 line of credit at our depository bank (the Ohio Valley Bank) or another local bank. This would be used during the construction of the Riverfront Improvements Project. Our Bond Counsel, Mr. Schwallie, has advised that this would be legal to do and would not require competitive bidding. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the establishment of a \$200,000 line of credit account at OVB or another local bank, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

CompManagement, our Third Party Administrator for Workers' Compensation, sent a response to our request to calculate the County's share (related to the shooting incident of one of our officers who was responding to the County's call for assistance) of our premium for this year. It is \$16,741.85 this year, the first year of up to five years that it will impact our premium. The City Solicitor will submit this amount to the County for payment.

Ms. Landers asked the Commission's approval to store extra hours that she has been working to apply toward time off after her surgery in May. She explained that she will run out of sick and vacation accrued hours to use for this purpose unless she is allowed to store some of her additional hours worked. The Commissioners were agreeable to this arrangement.

The City Solicitor reported that things are proceeding in criminal court. He spoke at some length about the process that they are undertaking to get cases involving drug recognition experts validated. Two officers in the county have had this training, which is so new that Ohio courts are just now starting to hear cases involving their testimony. Our Patrolman Shallon Schultz is one of those officers. President Wallis asked about the cost involved vrs benefit received in the validation process. Mr. Salisbury agreed that it would take a great deal of his time, but would be an important new tool in drug arrests and convictions.

Mr. Johnson asked if there has been a recent meeting of the Planning Commission. The City Manager answered that there will be a meeting soon on the Super America construction project.

Since one of the Commissioners is absent this evening, all emergency ordinances on the agenda will be presented for first reading instead.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. 2015-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. 2015-15 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CITY PARK ELECTRICAL UPGRADE**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. 2015-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**. Mr. Brown made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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. 2015-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission