

March 17, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, March 17, 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  
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-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  
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Jeff Boyer                      Keith Elliott  
 Joy Elliott

Commission received the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The contractor for the SR 588 slip repair is doing test boring in advance of the construction project, set to begin this spring.
- The Streets Department has been working to fill in pot holes. President Wallis commended the workers for their diligence.
- Fire hydrant flushing will begin soon. Residents will be notified through the newspaper and the Notify Now system.
- Construction is starting at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- A new drop box has been installed adjacent to the Water Department's drive-through window.
- Mr. Douglas Hood of AEP paid a visit recently to encourage the City's participation in their rebate program for energy efficient replacements of such items as motors and lights. Mr. Greene plans to take advantage of this program, particularly in seeking rebates for improvements made at the WWTP.
- Mr. Greene will be out Friday afternoon, March 20<sup>th</sup>, to attend the meeting in Logan with the EPA on the City's sewer projects.
- Due to Police Chief Patterson's extended absence for training, Mr. Greene asked to appoint Lieutenant Jeff Boyer as Acting Police Chief with a temporary increase in pay to the level of Chief. The Commissioners were in agreement with the City Manager exercising his authority to do this.

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

Ms. Landers asked the Commissioners what time they would like to meet on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, for a special meeting to approve legislation related to the \$100,000 one-year bond anticipation note and the \$200,000 line of credit for the Riverfront Improvement Grant Project. After a short discussion, the Commission decided to meet at 5 p.m.

County Administrator Karen Sprague contacted Ms. Landers concerning the balance in the Housing Rehabilitation Fund, which is comprised of \$14,148.72 received from mortgages paid off from a CHIP grant program dating back to 1999 – 2000. The State agency involved in the earlier grant program is recommending that these funds be consolidated at the County-level to allow the money to be incorporated into future grant programs that only the County can administer now that Gallipolis is a village. Ms. Landers has asked Ms. Sprague to check into the particulars of how to legally accomplish turning over this money to the County.

The City Solicitor informed the Commission that the jury trial held a week ago Friday resulted in a guilty verdict. There will be another jury trial soon if anyone is interested in attending.

The County's share of our Workers Compensation 2015 premium has been submitted to them for payment. They have also been informed that this will involve several years of payments.

Mr. Brown said that some residents on Spruce Street Extension have contacted him recently with concerns about being cut off during flooding. Mr. Greene said that he was aware of their concerns, but that the City does not own the road over the hill that is currently used as an emergency escape route. He said that he is looking into the feasibility of connecting Hedgewood Drive to Spruce Street Extension via 300 feet of an existing fifty foot wide right-of-way that the City owns. President Wallis commended Mr. Shane Davis for providing access through his driveway to the currently-used escape road. Mr. Greene stated that the crew from the City Garage recently patched some pot holes on Mr. Davis' driveway to repair damages resulting from the public use of his driveway. Chief Elliott stated that the brush truck is the only Fire Department vehicle that can negotiate the escape road to access that area during the current flooding.

Mr. Gallagher reported on the presentation of the bicentennial proclamation to the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. He and Vice-President Cremeens, who is a member of the church, attended the Sunday morning service to present the proclamation, which he said was well-received.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on projects and events in the works for the downtown area. There is a gentleman looking into establishing a light manufacturing, with some retail, business to go into the old "Sweet Blessings" building. Ohio River Live would like to sponsor a free event in the City Park sometime this summer. On Thursday, Gallipolis in Lights will be meeting to discuss the 5K Race, scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. The St. Patrick's Day Parade, postponed earlier due to the weather, is set for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1 p.m.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2015-03 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. 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. R2015-04 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, AND GALLIPOLIS OF GALLIA COUNTY**,

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**OHIO.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. 2015-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. 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. 2015-15 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CITY PARK ELECTRICAL UPGRADE.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Gallagher asked what the contractor would be doing. Mr. Greene responded that he would be installing underground boxes. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

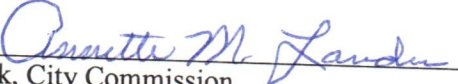
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. 2015-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion adopt this ordinance, as amended, on second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. 2015-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. 2015-18 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 324 & 332 THIRD AVENUE.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. 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. 2015-19 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GALLIA COUNTY FOR EQUIPMENT AND LABOR.** Mr. Cremeens made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Gallagher asked the purpose of this ordinance. Mr. Greene responded that it is the annual contract with the County to be used when we need to hire their specialized equipment for some project that we do not have the necessary equipment to do, as in the case where they used their arm mower to clear brush along some of our roadways last year. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, 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