

March 20, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallipolis Municipal Courtroom on Olive Street, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Michael W. Brown, Member
 James A. Cozza, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:
 Randall J. Finney, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Stephanie Filson, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Tony Gallagher Ronnie Lynch Keith Elliott
 Joy Elliott Ken Cremeens

Commission received the minutes of the March 6, 2012 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Betsy Bevins was scheduled for *Privilege of Floor*, but was not present. Mr. Finney stated that he had gone to see her since the last meeting. Her complaint has to do with a strip of her driveway that she wants the City to fix. Mr. Finney is working with her to seek a resolution.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- FEMA disaster team – FEMA has approved repair of the old road to Mound Hill. They will share costs on the engineering work as well. The state EMA director said that the new road was rejected, but the City has sixty days to appeal that decision. Mr. Finney said that he thought the City had a chance of winning the appeal, since the new road provided critical access to the communications towers and the water tower. We have submitted \$108,000 for sewer work on Chillicothe Road. The work on Allen Drive was also submitted.
- Justice Center – The contractor is making great progress in putting the walls up. The project may be slightly delayed because of changes, but it should be close to schedule. President Cremeens suggested a tour of the building for the Commissioners. Commissioners decided to meet at the construction site at 6:15 p.m. before the next regular meeting. They will call the meeting to order at the site and then re-convene at 7 p.m. in the municipal courtroom. President Cremeens asked if the hole on the Cox property could be filled up during the good weather this week. Mr. Finney said he would check to see if this could be accommodated.
- Mr. Finney met with ODOT last week to discuss Phase 2 of Farm Road. At the meeting, he asked if they would be interested in including connections to make Phase 2 a true Eastern Avenue bypass and also to connect to Rt. 35. Those attending the meeting seemed to agree that such a plan might make the project more likely to be funded. Mr. Cozza expressed concern that businesses in the Kanauga/Silver Bridge area would find themselves with no connection, but Mr. Finney said

that the businesses in that area would actually retain their connectivity and enjoy improved safety from the changes that would be made.

- Mr. Finney attended the CMI training on their new utility software in Marietta on March 13th. He is waiting for a quote on the cost. The new software would allow on-line payments, e-billing, and improved reports.
- Next week, Mr. Finney will be attending the OVRDC meeting in Georgetown, Ohio. It is set for Thursday, March 29th.
- Mr. Finney would like to bring the City-targeted tasks, which the Strategic Planning Committee has identified, to the next Commission meeting. He would like for the Commission to select those tasks that they would like to pursue, with the goal of having a Commissioner assigned to each.
- Reinstatement of Kenneth E. Cremeens as volunteer firefighter – Mr. Finney recommended reinstatement. Mr. Cremeens told Commissioners that he was current in his training. Mr. Wallis made a motion for re-instatement, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown asked how the Route 160 project is coming along. Mr. Finney answered that he was not sure exactly where they were on the project, which includes clearing of the adjoining hillside, but that traffic appears to be flowing smoothly.

The City Solicitor reported that lawsuits are going smoothly. Also, he and the tax department have wrapped up criminal prosecutions and are now beginning civil cases related to tax issues.

Mr. Cozza asked how the golf course and Spruce Street Extension annexations are coming along. Mr. Salisbury responded that he is working on the golf course annexation. The Spruce Street Extension annexations are going more slowly than they originally expected. This is due to the fact that properties must be contiguous before they can be annexed. A surveyor must provide documentation showing the property to be contiguous before papers can be submitted to the County. This promises to be a very slow process, but the surveyor is beginning to make some effort in that direction.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading a Resolution No. R2012-06 entitled **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FRENCH ART COLONY'S APPLICATION TO THE OHIO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR A FENCING PROJECT**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2012-07 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS FOR REBUILDING THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE ROAD TO MOUND HILL CEMETERY**. Mr. Wallis 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 a Resolution No. R2012-08 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DIGITAL RIVER PROJECT π (PI) FACTORY ACCELERATOR PROGRAM**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. The City Manager explained how the business accelerator

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program works. He clarified that the City would not be providing funding, just supporting their efforts to obtain grants. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading the tabled Ordinance No. O2012-06 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 139.05, FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATION FIREFIGHTER(F), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to take this ordinance off the table, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Wallis 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 no.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2012-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. 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. O2012-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt this ordinance 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. O2012-11 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-85, ADOPTING A CITY OF GALLIPOLIS TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (ACCOUNTABLE PLAN) RULES POLICY, ITEM 4, FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2012-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 WITH THE KINSALE CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE GALLIPOLIS JUSTICE CENTER COMPLEX.** Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt this ordinance 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. O2012-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-77, COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, SECTION C6(J) AND C6(K), AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES NUMBERS O2011-01 AND O2011-79, AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT AND CEMETERY SEXTON, AND SETTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION PLAN AND IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES AND POLICY STATEMENT.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance 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. O2012-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTS FOR THE SALE OF GALLIPOLIS ISLAND TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

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There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2012-15 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MASTER AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM.** Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, Mr. Wallis abstained. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2012-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOW THE GALLIA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET BOARD TO SET UP A FARMERS MARKET ADJACENT TO THE GALLIPOLIS CITY PARK.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second 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