

March 21, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 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, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Randy Breech	Tracy Call
Mary Lee Marchi	Roma Woods	Marvin Vanderberg
Cletus Harder	Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott
Claudia Miller	Paul R. Simon	Dottie Chestnut
James W. Roush	David R. McCarty	

Commission received the minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Randy Breech on the topic of the sanitary sewer behind businesses on the 400 block of Second Avenue. Mr. Breech said he wished to address publicly a topic that he had brought before the Commission in executive session at their last meeting. Mr. Breech explained to those in attendance that he is half owner of the Colony Theater, which has had on-going, sporadic problems with sewage backing up and even coming through the wall of an adjoining building (Tawney Building). He believes that there is a blockage or "belly" in the sewer line in the alleyway somewhere between his property line and the tie in to the City's sewer on State Street. The City has cleaned out the line several times, which relieves the problem for a while, but it always comes back. He is working on plans to renovate the old Historical Society Building, but needs to have the problem resolved before the owners can commit to such a large investment. From the last meeting, the City Commissioners seemed unwilling to dig on private land, but wanted to help in any way they could. Tonight Mr. Breech contended that the City is required by the EPA to bring the City's sewer line to each private property tap.

Mr. Greene informed Mr. Breech that the City's sewer line superintendent, Mr. Walters, thinks that there is a crack in the sewer line. He further questioned the adequacy of the plumbing in the Colony building in converting usage from a theater to a restaurant. Mr. Breech responded that all of the plumbing in the Colony building is new and up to standards for the usage. Mr. Fulks stated that the Elks are having no problems with their plumbing. They have grease traps, which they regularly clean to avoid any issues. Mr. Greene said that City crews went up and rodded the line on Saturday. There was discussion of using a camera to scope the line, but the City's current camera is out for service. Mr. Greene asked if the property owners wanted to check into renting a camera. It would cost in excess of \$20,000 to redo the line in the alley and put the storm sewer and road surface back.

Mr. Simon, who is on the board of the Ariel Theatre, asked if the alley is a city street. Mr. Greene responded that it is not. He displayed a diagram of the lots, pointing out the businesses and boundaries of all involved. All of the ground is privately owned behind the businesses on that block. The Commissioners stressed that fact that they want to help, but they need to gather facts first. Commissioners asked Mr. Salisbury to see if the City has an easement in the alley. They also asked the City Manager to look into getting the camera back in working order more quickly than the estimated time of a few weeks.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance crews replaced three old, leaking fire hydrants, greatly enhancing fire safety in the affected areas. They are ordering material for the Route 7 lift station, which serves the Kanauga area. It has reached maximum capacity, but they are hoping to make it through the summer with the current service.
- There is a ditching problem on Oakwood Drive that could get worse if not corrected. The original estimate was over \$20,000, but that has been reduced to \$6,475 through negotiations and the re-cycling of concrete removed from the Parkfront as riprap for this project.
- The Sewer Plant is finishing up their project punch list before releasing the final payments to the engineer and contractor.
- The Water Treatment Plant has been cleaning at least one well per year. The #9 well is scheduled for cleaning this week. This will leave two remaining wells to clean.
- EL Robinson, the engineering firm for the Parkfront Project, has been in town to check out the punch list for their project. It looks like there will be a little less than \$50,000 remaining of grant funds that could be used to put in additional steps and lights. Mr. Brandeberry expressed his continued concern over possible future erosion, which Mr. Greene is looking into.
- Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Greene attended a meeting at the Super 8 Hotel on the need for public transportation in the area. Some motel owners are interested in providing transportation to their guests between the hotels and the downtown area. They would like to eventually include the hospital and University of Rio Grande in the route. They believe that grants are available that could provide a couple of busses for this purpose.

The City Auditor presented one invoice for \$5,624.45 from Workers Comp for monthly premium to Commission for approval of payment (Invoice: 2/24/17; PO: 3/1/17). Mr. Brandeberry made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers went through the list of new legislation on tonight's agenda, briefly explaining each.

The City Solicitor informed the Commissioners that the traffic diversion program is now up and running. The City Auditor asked for information to assure proper posting of receipts from the program.

Mr. Salisbury is negotiating with the State on their lien on the Last Chance Carryout. He believes this, along with our own costs, will be readily covered by the sale price of the property.

Mr. Wallis asked if Commissioners could tour the new facilities at the WPC Treatment Plant. Mr. Greene will arrange this with Mr. Lane.

President Gallagher announced that US Senator Brown is interested in either a telephone conference or a meeting with him in Washington, DC. Mr. Gallagher responded to his invitation by suggesting a phone conference to include local representatives, such as the City Manager, City Auditor, County Commissioner(s), someone from the Chamber, and perhaps a couple of business leaders. It is still very much in the planning stage. He will let those interested know more as plans develop.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2017-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO**

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AGREEMENT WITH ODNR NATUREWORKS OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE, REPAIR OF KERR MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN AND REPAIR OF PARK BANDSTAND IN THE GALLIPOLIS CITY PARK. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution 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. O2017-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME.** Mr. Wallis 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. O2017-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 8 WITH MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CO. INC FOR MODIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

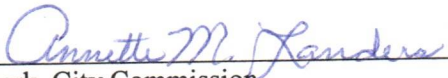
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-11 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FORMULA PROGRAM FOR THE CITY POOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.** 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. O2017-12 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FORMULA PROGRAM FOR THE AIRPORT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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. O2017-13 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-06, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.** 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. O2017-14 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-07, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brandeberry 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.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission