

March 26, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James 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  
 Michelle L. Tate, Assistant City Auditor/Clerk  
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Tony Gallagher                      Ronnie Lynch                      Claudia Miller  
 Dottie Chestnut                      Clint Patterson                      Marvin Vanderberg

Commission received the minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road Repair – We are still awaiting approval from FEMA on the additional cost.
- Hedgewood Drive – The references were not satisfactory on the lowest bidder. Therefore, we must go to the second lowest bidder.
- Administrative Offices – Everything appears to be in good shape, with people settling in well. We will be replacing the drive through drawer soon, as discussed at the last meeting. Grand Opening has been re-scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on April 2nd.
- Spruce Street Lift Station repairs – The engineer came in and did some layouts.
- Mr. Finney recommended that we advertise our new location in the Pride Edition of the newspaper. It would cost \$650. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve this expenditure, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- The old street sweeper was put out to government auction. The highest bid received was \$6,200, which was under the \$10,000 minimum set. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the \$6,200 bid, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- In April, the City offices will be changing over from Gallianet to our own service. Our contract with the County ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The dumpster outside this building is not ours. We need to get one fenced in for our use. An Eagle Scout will provide the labor, with the City providing materials. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this arrangement, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

- Mr. Finney recommended Mr. Travis Roush for appointment to the Gallipolis Fire Department. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Finney requested executive session for two items regarding property and lawsuits.

The Assistant City Auditor presented two invoices over \$3,000:

- \$10,842.15 from WesBanco for pumper/tanker debt service. Invoice date: 2/24/13; P.O. date: 2/27/13
- \$18,667.88 from Waste Management for February refuse pick-up. Invoice date: 3/1/13; P.O. date: 3/8/13

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

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending lawsuits.

Mr. Johnson spoke about his trip with the City Manager and others to Beaver Creek to meet with the contractor considering locating a branch in Gallipolis. He expressed concerns about the traffic in the parking lot at the new Municipal Building. Mr. Finney responded that he is working to get arrows painted to direct the flow of traffic and installing bumpers.

Mr. Johnson said that he received a call from Jones Dentistry concerning debris from a neighboring property blowing onto his property. Mr. Finney said that Code has sent letters previously demanding clean-up of that property. Another letter has been sent this time also. He will look into further action.

Mr. Cozza asked about the schedule for the street sweeper, noting debris along Second Avenue. Mr. Finney answered that the sweeper runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2013-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY IN EXCESS OF SUCH RATE.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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 tabled Ordinance No. O2013-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL FOR HEDGEWOOD DRIVE.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to take Ordinance No. O2013-15 off the table, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon roll call to take O2013-15 off the table, all votes were yes. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance, all votes were no. O2013-15 was defeated.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-16 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.** Mr. Johnson made a motion adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER AND ADVANCE FUNDS**. 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. O2013-19 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR THE HEDGEWOOD DRIVE LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. There was a short discussion about the bids and legal advice concerning them. 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. O2013-20 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING "EXHIBIT A", SECTION III (b), OF ORDINANCE NO. O2013-13, ESTABLISHING THE GALLIPOLIS JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**. Mr. Johnson made a motion adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-21 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2010-77, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2011-01, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2011-79, AMENDING C6(I), COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, PROJECT DIRECTOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION**. Mr. Cozza 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. O2013-22 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH CT CONSULTANTS FOR THE GALLIPOLIS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER WATER SERVICE EVALUATION PROJECT**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Finney stated that the City was only paying the \$8,750 for the evaluation. GDC will be asked to take care of any additional costs. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Cozza made a motion to enter executive session to discuss lawsuits and real estate purchase, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session.

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

  
 Clerk, City Commission

  
 President, City Commission