

April 1, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 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:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Keith Elliott Ronnie Lynch Ed Swisher
 Joy Elliott Marvin Vanderberg Fred Holmes
 Elaine Armstrong Sharon Anderson Bev Jackson
 Clint Patterson Matt Champion Jordan Shaffer
 Adam Holcomb India Cullen

Commissioners received the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting prior to this meeting. Ms. Landers went over some corrections that she made prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

Mr. Fred Holmes of Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. was recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. Mr. Holmes was at the meeting to present a check in the amount of \$3,633.52 for community reinvestment from the electric aggregation program. He asked if there had been any issues with the program. There were no issues other than efforts of marketers to lure people from their current plans. If residents wish to call him, Mr. Holmes offered to help residents look over any offers they receive or with any questions about their bills.

Police Chief Clint Patterson presented Lifesaving Awards to Patrolman Adam Holcomb and Patrolman Jordan Shaffer. The text of these awards read as follows: **The City of Gallipolis Police Department hereby names and honors Patrolman (Adam Holcomb/Jordan Shaffer) as (sic) the Gallipolis Police Department Lifesaving Award. On March 3, 2014 at 11:20 pm, while on patrol, Gallipolis City Police (Officer Adam Holcomb/Patrolman Jordan Shaffer) with the assistance of another (patrolman/officer) located a residential structure fire at 1821 Chatham Avenue. On speaking with one of the occupants that had escaped, they became aware of an adult female that was still trapped inside the burning home and conditions inside the structure were rapidly deteriorating. Patrolman (Holcomb/Shaffer) and the other officer began a search for the entrapped victim and located Alice Lucas in the northwest corner bedroom. Patrolman (Holcomb/Shaffer) and the other officer were able to break out the bedroom window and successfully extricate Ms. Lucas from the home. Without the quick actions of Patrolman (Adam Holcomb/Jordan Shaffer) and the other officer, Ms. Lucas would have surely succumbed to the fire. These actions of**

Patrolman (Holcomb/Shaffer) and the other officer directly saved the life of a citizen of Gallipolis. Awarded this 1st day of April, 2014 A.D. Clinton Patterson, Chief of Police. Everyone in attendance applauded the heroism exhibited by these two officers.

Ms. Elaine Armstrong was next to be granted *Privilege of Floor*. Ms. Armstrong expressed concern about KKK literature recently distributed on lawns and porches in Gallipolis. On Facebook, there are reports of a planned Klan rally and parade, which is rumored for Saturday. Ms. Armstrong asked if a permit had been issued. The City Manager answered that there has been no application for a parade permit, which must be applied for several days in advance. The City Solicitor responded to Ms. Armstrong's questions regarding soliciting, parades, and assembling on public or private property. They had no permit to solicit when they distributed their literature. They have not reserved any public venue nor applied for a parade permit. If assembling on private property, they would not be able to use voice amplifiers, such as public address systems or megaphones. No one is allowed to disturb the peace nor incite violence. Several of the Commissioners voiced their concern over this threatened Klan activity.

Ms. India Cullen was granted *Privilege of Floor*. She distributed a letter to Commissioners from the leadership at St. Peter's Episcopal Church requesting use of the City Park, near the Kerr Memorial Fountain, for outdoor worship services beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, and September 7. They would need to have use of the area from noon to 3 p.m. to allow time for set-up and clean-up. After a brief discussion, Mr. Gallagher made a motion to allow this usage, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Gallia Arts Benefit Cooperative has asked for a letter of support.
- The Utility Billing Office has been forced to work past their usual quitting time in order to wrap things up before leaving. Mr. Finney requested permission to allow them to close to the public at 3:45 p.m. in order to be able to leave by 4 p.m. The Commissioners expressed no objections to this plan.
- The Visitor's Center is interested in doing a geocache event to bring visitors to town. It would begin the week of May 3rd.
- Mr. Finney asked if Commission meeting could start at 6 p.m. rather than 7 p.m. The Charter does not set a time for the meetings. The Commissioners were willing to give the 6 p.m. meeting time a try.
- Mr. Finney attended the economic development meeting with Harold Montgomery and Melissa Clark. He said that it was a good meeting. The consulting firm that presented is receiving a grant from AEP.
- The First Friday meeting is this Friday at 8 a.m.
- Tuscany's Grand Re-opening is set for Saturday.
- On Monday, April 7, at 6:30, there is meeting at Elizabeth Chapel Church on drug addictions. Rep. Ryan Smith, Judge Margaret Evans, and other dignitaries will be present.
- The Digital Works Open House is April 14th, at 1 p.m. at the Jobs & Family Services Building.

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

- \$19,530 from CT Consultants for WWTP design. Invoice date: 1/20/14; P.O. date 2/28/14
- \$7,052.06 from CT Consultants for Headworks design. Invoice date: 1/20/14; P.O. date 2/28/14
- \$32,550 from CT Consultants for WWTP design. Invoice date: 2/18/14; P.O. date 3/14/14
- \$7,677.81 from CT Consultants for Headworks design. Invoice date: 2/18/14; P.O. date 3/14/14
- \$24,961.50 from Travelers Ins for quarterly premium. Invoice date: 3/12/14; P.O. date 3/18/14
- \$3,305 from CMI for disaster recovery & remote back-up. Invoice date 3/19/14; P.O. date 3/26/14

- \$6,000 from Russell Wood (Fire Loss Recovery Fund). Invoice date: 3/20/14; P.O. date 3/21/14

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

Ms. Landers reviewed several ordinances on tonight's agenda. O2014-17 is to amend the cost of the AOS compilation of our 2013 financial statements from \$4,000 to \$7,000 to cover the extra work due to the Single Audit. The Single Audit is estimated at \$32,800. O2014-18 is to make prior period adjustments of audit costs incurred in the calendar years 2010 to 2013, as discussed at the prior meeting. O2014-19 is to amend the appropriations ordinance to add audit costs, prior period adjustments, costs of immunizations in the Police Department and WPC Line Maintenance, and for Deborah Bellville's payout in Court Probation.

The City Solicitor spoke about hearings that are coming up.

Mr. Gallagher said that some residents came to him regarding a tattered flag flying over a business on Second Avenue. He spoke to the owners about it this morning and they intend to replace it. Mr. Cremeens cautioned Mr. Gallagher to be careful about making such contacts in an official capacity. Mr. Gallagher responded that he had not mentioned his position as Commissioner, but had gone as a concerned resident.

Mr. Johnson stated that the flag in the park needed to be replaced. Mr. Finney responded that he was aware of that need.

Mr. Brown mentioned the traffic situation on Eastern Avenue. Mr. Finney explained that there was a bad sensor at GKN, which should now be fixed. Chief Patterson added that they were working on it this evening. Mr. Finney talked briefly about work being done on roads and culvert.

Mr. Johnson remarked that two or three times raw chicken has been left outside the dumpster in 2 ½ Alley.

Mr. Brown noted that there are no crosswalks on Eastern Avenue at the Walmart Plaza. Mr. Finney replied that ODOT will not do anything there because there are no sidewalks on the Walmart side of the street.

President Wallis announced that on July 2, the Vietnam Veteran Wall will be coming through town on its way to a week-long exhibition at Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-08 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR RELOCATION OF DOMESTIC WATER LINE FROM RITA C. SMITH AND HERBERT P. SMITH.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney explained the location of the property and the estimated cost (@\$20,000) to move the water line. 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. R2014-09 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR RELOCATION OF DOMESTIC WATER LINE FROM O. O. MCINTYRE PARK DISTRICT.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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. R2014-10 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR RELOCATION OF DOMESTIC WATER LINE FROM BETTY L. WILMOTH AND PAUL L. WILMOTH.** Mr. Brown 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.

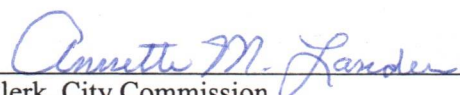
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2014-16 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Cremeens expressed concern over using a facility so distant from the City. He said that he had hoped that Gallia County would build a jail and suggested opening discussions on the topic with the County. Mr. Finney and Chief Patterson assured him that the only time this facility is used is when nearer facilities are full. It is used only once or twice a year. Mr. Cremeens asked Chief Patterson to talk to Sheriff Browning about their plans for a new jail. This was followed by a discussion of possibly using a couple of empty buildings at GDC. Chief Patterson explained that due to staffing requirements, they need one large building rather than two smaller ones. 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. O2014-17 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2011-81, SECTION 2, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE (GABS-34 LOOK-ALIKE STATEMENTS) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011, 2012, AND 2013.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2014-18 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO MAKE PRIOR PERIOD EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE YEARS 2010 TO 2013 ON CERTAIN OPERATING FUNDS FOR AUDIT COSTS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Brown 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. O2014-19 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-13, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.** Mr. Johnson 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 being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission