

April 2, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter. The meeting was preceded by a Grand Opening celebration, beginning with a ribbon cutting at 6:15 p.m.

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		
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Tony Gallagher	Ronnie Lynch	Claudia Miller
Dottie Chestnut	Clint Patterson	Marvin Vanderberg
Carol Pierce	Keith Elliott	Joy Elliott
Jonathan VanMeter	Robbie Jenkins	Mark Sheets

Commission received the minutes of the March 26, 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 – We met with the contractor and the engineer. There is an additional eighty feet of road that we need to discuss with FEMA. It has slipped since they have looked at it.
- Administrative Offices – The replacement drawer has come in and will be installed next week. We plan to concrete the triangle out back and around the electric pole. Landscaping still remains to be done, as well.
- The Purple Turtle has announced that it is going out of business on May 31, 2013.
- Initial Independence, Inc., a business that established group homes for disabled people, is having a meeting with community leaders tomorrow to discuss their plans for our community. They anticipate employing between forty to eighty people.
- Mr. Finney recommended Mr. Jonathan VanMeter for appointment to the Gallipolis Fire Department. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- The Ohio EPA came down last week to do a walk-through of Henkle Avenue. In regard to a pipe that was reported to be collapsed and leaking sewage, they found that the pipe is still functional, with no raw sewage escaping, but is collapsing. Mr. Finney has a letter from the EPA, which gives their requirements for inspecting the system and correcting issues. Mr. Finney said that these requirements will likely cause us to postpone our planned upgrade to the WPC facility.

- Mr. Finney requested executive session for purchase of property.

The City Auditor presented a liquor license transfer from Frenchtown Associates, LLC dba Down Under Restaurant to Cail Management, LLC dba Cliffside Golf Club. Mr. Johnson made a motion not to request a hearing on this transfer request, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked permission to purchase a wardrobe/storage cabinet and a lateral file/storage cabinet for her office. She needs a locking cabinet to store our check stock, as well as a place to hang coats. List price is \$1,169 and \$1,234 respectively. Value Added is quoting the same discount given for our other furniture purchases, bringing the cost to \$598 and \$629 respectively. The \$1,227 total cost could come from our capital line in the New Municipal Building Fund, the same line used for our other furniture purchases for the new building. Ms. Landers showed the Commissioners pictures of the furniture. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending lawsuits.

Mr. Wallis asked if anyone had cameraed all of the sewage lines in the City in recent years. Mr. Finney answered that Ameresco did this as part of their project. Mr. Wallis also mentioned that there is a drainage issue at the corner of Second Avenue and Court Street. Mr. Finney added that there is on Spruce Street, as well.

President Cremeens stated that the area behind Gene Johnson's old body shop has a lot of old cars on it. Mr. Finney said that the owner repairs cars. The inventory of old cars has a slow turn over rate for repairing and selling his inventory of old vehicles. Mr. Finney said he would look into it.

Mr. Cozza asked when the water leak insurance program will be available to customers. Mr. Finney said that he needs to send out a letter to customers.

Mr. Johnson said that there was a follow-up meeting with KLSS yesterday, but nothing new to report from that meeting.

Mr. Cozza asked if Initial Independence, the company coming to town tomorrow, is a new start-up business or an established company. Mr. Finney replied that they have a couple of other sites.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2013-02 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING ASSURANCE TO THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF A SOURCE OF LOCAL FUNDS FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. In discussions, Mr. Finney told the Commission that Kanauga is connected, but there have been some issues. Jim Davis has come back in as a consultant for one or two days to train Ed Swisher on the grease trap program. Mr. Wallis asked if this project would be affected by the EPA letter discussed earlier. Mr. Finney said that the headworks project must go on as planned, but it may affect the rest of the upgrade. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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Mr. Wallis 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 regular session.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission