

April 5, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 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, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune

Ronnie Lynch	Joy Elliott	Jeff Boyer
Randy Breech	Keith Elliott	Marvin Vanderberg
Bev Dunkle	Mary Lee Marchi	Adam Holcomb
Justin Rice	Brett Bostic	Mark Still

Commission received the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Gallagher invited Police Chief Jeff Boyer to come forward to present the Life Saving Award to two of his patrolmen. Chief Boyer said that Patrolman Shane Plantz was unable to be present for tonight's award. He called Patrolman Mark Still forward to receive his award, which read as follows: ***City of Gallipolis Police Department presents Patrolman Mark Still with the Life Saving Award. On March 12, 2016 at 7:33 p.m., Patrolman Mark Still and Patrolman Shane Plantz responded to 24 Smithers Avenue on a reported structure fire. When they arrived, Patrolman Still was able to make entry into the house and locate a female victim on the floor near the front door. He was then able to grab the victim and pull her to the front door. With the assistance of Patrolman Plantz, they were able to remove the victim from the burning house. Awarded this 5th Day of April 2016.*** Everyone joined in congratulating Patrolman Still for his act of heroism.

Bev Dunkle, representing Gallipolis In Bloom, was recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. Ms. Dunkle thanked the Commissioners for their continued support over the years. She showed the awards earned in past years, which were attractively displayed on a table for all to view. She invited the Commissioners to attend the Committee's meetings and events. Their next meeting is Wednesday, April 13th at 11:30 a.m. at the Courtside Restaurant. On Friday, April 15th from 5 to 8 p.m., there will be a spring tour of Bob's Market & Greenhouses.

Other events mentioned included:

- April 16 & 17: Booth at Buckeye Hills Career Center Expo
- April 17: Little Miss Gallipolis In Bloom Contest, 2 p.m. at Bossard Library
- April 25th: visit by Laura Kunkle, Executive Director of America In Bloom to pick up our trophies for duplication by their new trophy vendor. Gallipolis is the only community out of 243 in 41 states

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to have won all four of their major awards. While here, she will be taping a show with Marianne Campbell, followed by lunch and a tour of Bob's Greenhouses in Mason, WV.

- April 29th at 11 a.m.: Plant a tree in the City Park for Arbor Day
- April 30th beginning at 9 a.m.: Plant exchange followed by planting day in the City Park
- May 7th: Organic Garden opens with Washington Elementary students participating
- May 14th: Organic Fun Day at Haskins Park with adult & child activities and a prize drawing
- Mid-May: Pole planters will go up and watering will begin with our new, sponsored water truck. Mr. Wallis expressed concern that the veterans banners might be too long to have on the same poles as the baskets. They will need to be advised of the length restrictions.
- July 11 & 12: Judges will arrive. An itinerary will be forthcoming at a later date.

President Gallagher and the Commission members joined in thanking Ms. Dunkle and her committee for their efforts over the years.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City maintenance crews have been working on water leaks, sewer repairs, flushing hydrants, and mowing.
- The Spruce Street Lift Station upgrade is now complete, with only one change order made on the electrical box.
- The City is seeking grant money with the help of the County and State to address flooding issues on Airport Road. This results in sewer problems involving the EPA.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project is 65% to 70% complete overall, with most underground work done.
- The Planning Commission and Board of Appeals will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 12th to discuss the two new apartment buildings on Roberts Lane.
- Demolition of the old Speedway is underway and expected to be completed in seven days for new construction to begin.
- Mr. Jim Love, who could not be present tonight, asked the City Manager to speak to the Commissioners about his non-profit group's plans for the old train station on Third Avenue. They have their bylaws and plans being drawn up to acquire the property and restore the building and grounds as a museum. The City bought the property from O.O. McIntyre Park District several years ago for \$1. The Commissioners need to decide whether they wish to sell the property and for how much.
- Mr. Bostic has acquired the deeds for 75 Cedar Street and the old Last Chance Carryout. The banks involved have released their liens and the property now belongs to the City. Since we do not have the money for the demolitions in our budget, we could sell with the stipulation that demolition must be carried out within a set period of time. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed to advertise the property in the newspaper for sale by bid. Signs will be placed on the property with a contact number for information on the bidding process.
- They are planning to test the water pressure on the sprinkler system at GDC on Friday. If that goes well, they will be able to go onto the City water.
- Mr. Bostic has been educating himself on the topic of food vendors. A decision needs to be made soon on whether to allow them and what regulations we should enact to control their activity. Some other towns limit the number of vendors and restrict them from working special events. The City Solicitor advised that an ordinance should be adopted to cover this. The City Manager suggested assessing a fee of \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually for vendors. Mr. Wallis said he thought that \$1,500 should be the minimum fee. There was discussion of where they might be allowed to set up. Mr. Gallagher suggested allowing one vendor at a time to set up at the pool. The City Solicitor, City Manager, and Code Enforcement Officer will work together on the guidelines. Mr. Greene

suggested that they have something ready to run by the Planning Commission at their April 12th meeting.

- Commissioners need to decide whether to run the Police Levy again at the November election. If they do decide to run it again, Mr. Greene said that he will work it hard with flyers, posters, hand-outs and banners at events to assure it the best chance of passage. We need to do a better job to educate the public on what the money will be used for and that those with no earned income, such as most seniors, do not pay. There was some discussion on whether to change the percent requested. Commissioners wanted to get some input from residents and our employees to better address concerns.

The City Auditor presented the following purchase orders over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$4,058.66 from Allcom, LLC for probation computers. Invoice date: 11/24/15. PO date: 3/14/16
- \$19,617.49 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade services. Invoice: 1/20/16. PO: 2/29/16
- \$16,478 from PEP of Ohio for Property/Liability Ins. Invoice: 3/1/16. PO: 3/15/16
- \$4,561.25 from TRZ Business Services for Notify Now annual fee. Invoice: 3/1/16. PO: 3/10/16
- \$102,150 from OVB for Parking Lot BAN. Invoice: 3/2/16. PO: 3/23/16

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

Ms. Landers told the Commissioners that she planned to attend the Southeast Regional Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, April 7th at Washington State Community College in Marietta. Auditor of State Dave Yost will be hosting the roundtable discussion of concerns and issues facing local governments. This will be followed by a Fraud Conference from 2:30 to 4:30.

Ms. Landers went over the appropriation changes in Ordinance O2016-18 on tonight's agenda.

The City Solicitor said that he and the judge are exploring a diversion program for the City. He hopes to have it ready soon for implementation in our Municipal Court.

President Gallagher announced that the national headquarters for Golden Corral recently honored our local Golden Corral as their #1 store in the entire northeast. He also introduced the topic of making Veterans Day a holiday for our employees. He said that a veteran had asked him why the City did not close that day as the County, banks, and many others do. City employees get 11 paid holidays. Several years ago, employees traded their Veterans Day holiday for the day after Thanksgiving. Before making any decision, Commissioners wanted employee feedback and an estimate of the cost to the City if an extra holiday is declared. This would mostly involve holiday pay for those working that day in the Police Department.

Mr. Greene told the Commissioners that Chief Boyer is diverting offenders from jail time to community service when appropriate. Those involved are put on house arrest. They work their scheduled hours and go home afterward. So far, we have used this for two people. Chief Boyer is limited in the number that he can use for this program because many prisoners are not suitable for work out in the public. However, there is a real saving for those who do qualify. Commissioners were supportive of this program.

The plans for the amphitheater are at the State. They are expected back any day.

Mr. Wallis asked, now that the districting passed in the primary, if there was any written information available to those wishing to apply for the liquor permits. Mr. Salisbury said that there was not as far as he knew because the law allowing such districts is very new. He suggested having those

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interested contact him with their questions. The results of the primary will be certified 30 days after the election. They could also contact the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for more information.

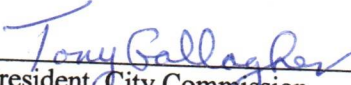
Mr. Brandeberry said that the City Solicitor and Black's Law concur that being part of a party committee does not constitute serving in a public office, but that he planned to resign his position anyway to eliminate any question. There was some question voiced still of whether this would be necessary for him to do.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-18 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-12, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.** 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. O2016-19 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-13, 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