

April 7, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 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
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, Interim City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Michael Johnson, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Mary Lee Marchi	Marvin Vanderberg
Jeff Boyer	Keith Elliott	Joy Elliott
Michael Fulks	Brenda Sharp	Rick Sharp
Shallon Schuldt	Adam Holcomb	Beverly Dunkle
Mark Ward	Matt Champlin	Mark Ward

Commission received the minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Acting Police Chief Jeff Boyer, who presented Lifesaving Awards to Officer Shallon Schuldt and Officer Adam Holcomb for rescuing a resident of Holzer Apartments who was overcome during a fire in the early morning hours of February 17, 2015. As those present applauded, President Wallis and the other Commissioners congratulated them and thanked them and all of our emergency responders for their service.

Mr. Mark Ward, President of Ohio River Live committee, requested permission to offer the sale of alcohol in a designated section of the City Park during their event on June 20, 2015. This would be similar to what was approved for last year's event. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- AEP has scheduled a power outage for Gallipolis, beginning at 11 p.m. tonight. It is expected to last an hour and likely will not involve the entire town.
- Mr. Swisher, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Landers, and Mr. Greene attended the grant meeting in Lancaster last Friday, April 3rd. We are now looking into some possible sources of grant funding that were mentioned at the meeting, both for our own projects and for other non-profits in our community.
- The sewer spill on Vine Street is in the process of repair and will soon be ready for hook-up.
- The City Park Electrical Upgrade is about 50% complete now. It is coming along well.
- Salt supplies at the garage are down around 50% due to the recent bad weather.
- The WWTP Upgrade Project broke ground this week. We will be having weekly progress meetings with Mechanical Construction.
- Toyota has agreed to pay to re-pave the parking lot at the Water Treatment Plant, a portion of which was damaged by their trucks during the West Virginia water emergency caused by Freedom Industry's chemical leak in January of 2014.

- Taylor Carpenter of the Ohio EPA was in town today. He said that Gallipolis' water system has been classified as a "System of Concern." He said that we need to establish a tie in with the County water system and to map our entire system, both of which we are already doing. President Wallis said that the County had bought supplies for a tie in many years ago, but that the City Commission decided at that time not to approve it due to differences in the rates between the two entities. The greater issue of public safety should have been the primary concern. Chief Elliott added that fire insurance rates would be favorably impacted by such a tie in.

The City Auditor presented the March Financial Statement for approval, which now includes the budgeted figures. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the March Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers presented three invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

1. \$7,600 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade engineering. Invoice: 1/28/15. PO: 3/23/15,
2. \$14,717.25 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade engineering. Invoice: 2/19/15. PO: 3/23/15,
3. \$19,538.22 from Waste Management for Feb. refuse. Invoice: 3/1/15. PO: 3/3/1

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

Mr. Johnson reported on upcoming events to be held in the City. On June 20th, Ohio River Live will share the spotlight with the Garden Tour and the Bass Fishing Tournament, a two-day event extending to Sunday, June 21st. He later reminded everyone of the 5K Run for Gallipolis in Lights on May 17th.

Mr. Johnson also congratulated two new businesses in town: Pip & Huds and Fringe. He encouraged the establishment of a mid-block crosswalk on the 300-block of Second Avenue. This would take up two parking spaces, but would allow for space for golf carts or motor cycles. The City Manager said that he had ordered golf cart signs yesterday to accomplish just that.

Mr. Johnson said that he had been contacted by our former vendor for fire extinguisher services, complaining that we are not buying local as our Commission had vowed to do not long ago. Mr. Greene explained that we had some problems, which were independently investigated and verified, with our former contractor. Although they were established in Meigs County, our new contractor, Snouffer Fire & Safety, has their corporate office on Third Avenue in Gallipolis.

Mr. Gallagher mentioned the idea of purchasing magnetic signs for the City Commissioners to place on the sides of a car for parades. These would be relatively inexpensive and seemed a good idea to look into. He would also like to re-visit Mr. Brown's idea of having the Commissioners order shirts or other apparel with the City's logo, to be paid for at their own expense. Commissioners discussed possible vendors for these products.

President Wallis stated that he will be out of town on April 21st. Ms. Landers added that she is also not available on that date, although she has made arrangements for Ms. Clonch to attend in her place. There was discussion of the necessity for a second meeting this month. It was decided to call a special meeting for another day if something comes up to require one. Otherwise, we will not meet again until our next regular meeting date on May 5th.

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

Michelle L. Clonch
Asst Clerk, City Commission

Steven S. Wallis
President, City Commission