

April 17, 2018

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission Vice-President Steven Wallis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Cody C. Caldwell, Member
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member
 Beau Sang, Member

Michael C. Fulks, President, arrived during the City Manager's report.

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Dottie Chestnut	Jeff Boyer	Joy Elliott
Ronnie Lynch	Randy Breech	Keith Elliott
Claudia Miller	Kari Polcyn LaBello	Karen Polcyn
Shannon Polcyn	Leah Polcyn	Jennifer Blake

Commission received the minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Mr. Wallis invited the family of Chester Mike Polcyn, who served as Gallipolis' Santa for over forty years, to come forward to receive a plaque honoring his faithful service. Mr. Polcyn passed away in January of this year and will be sorely missed by generations of children who have grown up looking forward to yearly visits with our very own Santa. Everyone joined in thanking the Polcyn family for sharing their beloved husband/father with their community for so many years.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City Maintenance crews removed a hydrant on State Rt. 141. They may be moving it to another location. They have been reseeding areas and residents' yards that were dug up for winter repairs to water and sewer service lines. Due to recent flooding, they will need to clean the park front again. They are working with the gas company to replace the gas main on Third Avenue to Vine Street.
- Crews have been picking up trash from the parks and the streets. They have also been busy closing off streets and setting up for events.
- The City Manager's office has been busy working on the 2018 projects. Mr. Greene met with Mr. Hall on Monday about replacing the water line through the golf course as part of the GDC project. It looks like this will be approved. He has a meeting with the state on May 7th (also on the GDC project).
- They are doing paperwork with the Walker Caterpillar dealer for the Water Plant generator.

Mr. Greene said that Commissioner Sang had sent an e-mail asking for more frequent progress reports from Code Enforcement. Mr. Greene said that this brings up the need for a full-time Code Enforcement Officer. Several years ago, Code Enforcement went from a full-time officer with a full-time secretary, plus other workers to do the mowing, etc. to being combined with Recreation with one employee over both and limited, part-time clerical help from workers in other departments. This has never been a good idea because of the demands of handling both positions. Because of continuing budget concerns, last year we gave the youth summer ball programs over to the parents. With donations from community members, we are still handling the young children's t-ball and softball programs in our recreation department budget.

Mr. Greene described the work responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Officer, which include checking grease traps, writing permits, meeting with contractors, checking all new structures, zoning of property, writing & filing property violations in Court (with the help of the City Solicitor), and reviewing plans for new signs, swimming pools, fences, and any construction in the flood plain. He said that he is satisfied that Mr. Bostic is doing the best job he can in keeping up with all of his diverse duties. He spends many evening and weekend hours in unpaid overtime to keep up with the work load.

There was a long period of back and forth between Mr. Sang and Mr. Greene with Mr. Sang explaining that his intent was to have a short report or "snapshot" of number of permits issued, number of court cases filed, etc. so he could see if the new 2018 International Property Code recently enacted was helping give Code Enforcement the tools it needs to address problems in town. He said he would like to have something to use to respond to concerns he gets on the streets from residents. Mr. Greene expressed concern that his employee was being unfairly subjected to extra scrutiny and burden to prove his work. Mr. Sang assured Mr. Greene that this was not the intent. Mr. Wallis agreed with Mr. Greene that he needs a full-time Code Enforcement department, but the problem continues to be lack of revenues, which is a problem that the Commission has tried to address and must continue to work on. Mr. Greene said he would continue to provide some of this type of information in his reports to the Commission as he has periodically done in the past, but not anything detailed or requiring additional effort from his already overworked employee.

The City Auditor presented the March Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the March Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers presented one invoice over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$8,800 from Allcom for annual service agreement. Invoice: 3/12/18. PO: 3/22/18.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Sang. Ms. Landers explained that this cost was allocated between General Fund (101.910.53400), Court Computer (284.227.53400), Water Administration (551.351.53400), and Sewer Administration (552.356.53400) according to the number of computers covered. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers briefly described the appropriation changes included in Ordinance No. O2018-16 on tonight's agenda. Mr. Walters needed \$7,000 additional in his M&R Streets repairs to equipment line to cover the street sweeper repair (\$7,000) and general repairs that are averaging \$1,000 per month. We did not receive the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, so the \$154,762 for this was removed. Court Probation needed \$210 in their clerk line for salary earned the final payroll in December 2017, paid in January 2018. Sanitation needed \$887 for its 10% share of the street sweeper repair. This was based on the allocation rate for the original lease purchase (80% M&R Streets, 10% Sanitation, and 5% each Water and Sewer Line Maintenance).

The judge on the Chillicothe Road sewer line case is accepting additional briefs, which the City Solicitor is submitting. There should be a ruling in the next couple of weeks. All of this will be consolidated into our appeal.

There has been no new activity on other cases recently discussed, so these may have been dropped.

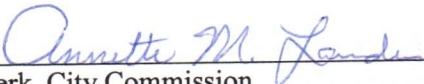
Mr. Salisbury has been working on more tools for Code Enforcement to use. Mr. Greene recently provided him with information on an ordinance enacted in Huntington, WV, which makes a property owner subject to fines or confiscation of real property for repeated drug activity by renters. He is looking for ways to tailor an ordinance to fit our needs without being oppressively burdensome to property owners. He is hoping to have something to present for consideration at the next meeting.

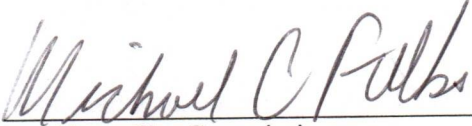
Mr. Greene praised the City Solicitor for his work on the sewer line case, saying that he was at the trial to hear and see all that was presented on both sides and Mr. Salisbury did an excellent job in presenting our case to the court. You can never know how a jury will rule no matter the merits of a case.

Mr. Gallagher said that the committee that he has been working with in response to the recent school shooting in Florida has around 1,000 students from the local schools that are interested in attending an event to talk about conduits to express their concerns over violence, especially in the absence of family involvement. They had intended meeting at O. O. McIntyre Park this Friday, but that must be postponed to June due to security and EMS concerns. They are hoping to have the June event in the City Park.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2018-16 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2018-08, SETTING CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**. Mr. Caldwell 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 Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission