

May 3, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 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 Keith Elliott
 Randy Breech

Commission received the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Code Enforcement and the City Solicitor are working together with the City Manager to set a fee for mowing vacant property inside the city limits. This will be a uniform charge whether we use employees, contractors, or court workers.
- There were no bids on 75 Cedar Street. We need to do more paperwork on both properties before they are sold. If we complete the acquisition through eminent domain, any liens against the properties will be eliminated. Mr. Greene has received two very reasonable bids to demo the properties, which should make them more marketable and bring a higher bid at auction.
- Representatives the state will be here at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday to look over the Parkfront Project before sending the approved plans back to us.
- The West Virginia Land Trust is ready to move forward with the transfer of ownership of Gallipolis Island. They were delayed in negotiations with the other property owner. Commissioners received an e-mail regarding this.
- The ordinance to transfer ownership of the old freight depot to the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum LLC for \$1 is on tonight's agenda.
- The Meet Your Elected Officials Meeting will be this Friday, May 6th. President Gallagher will be speaking on behalf of the City.
- President Gallagher and Mr. Greene attended a class on economic development at The University of Rio Grande last week. Their suggestions for bringing in new businesses included helping them find sites, making the process of getting permits and zoning/planning approvals as problem-free and speedy as possible, and to not spread word of their plans too early, as it could affect the price of the building site. Every community is in competition with every other community.

Developers will go to the community that gives them the best service with the fewest delays or problems. Mr. Greene said that Gallipolis is right on track to bring new business into town.

- The second reading on the police levy is on tonight's agenda. Mr. Greene said that he has already received some positive feedback on this. The people of Gallipolis do not want to lose any more police officers. The police officers are really getting on-board to push the levy by creating a packet of information to distribute to the public. There will be brochures to hand out, door hangers, several public meetings, officers at events in the City Park, and some door to door canvassing to get the word out to the residents. President Gallagher added that the Neighborhood Watch group wants to help with educating the public.

The City Auditor presented donations for January, February, and March for acceptance. \$5,348.49 was received for Gallipolis in Lights from various donors, \$100 for bricks in the park from Mr. Richards and Mr. Greene, and \$2,500 from Walmart for the Police Special Equipment Fund. Mr. Brandeberry made a motion to accept these donations, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

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

- \$17,095.94 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade. Invoice: 2/12/16. PO: 4/7/16
- \$8,289 from Xylem Dewatering Solutions for lift station pump rental. Inv: 3/20/16. PO: 3/21/16
- \$3,750 from Ga. Co. Auditor for 1st Qtr. Indigent Defense. Inv: 3/28/16. PO: 4/1/16
- \$4,852.89 from AEP for street lights. Inv: 3/30/16. PO: 4/1/16

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

The City Solicitor spoke about using court workers in the traffic diversion program for the City. They are covered under Workers Comp for any injuries they might sustain.

Mr. Brandeberry asked if the electrical wiring was preserved under the sidewalks in the downtown during the recent work. Mr. Greene answered that it was where there were no problems.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if any further legislation would be necessary for the sale of Gallipolis Island. Mr. Salisbury answered that the legislation had already been done. In response to a question from Mr. Brandeberry, he explained the WV Land Trust's plans for using the property as a refuge for endangered water life. The City will retain mineral rights.

Some of the ordinances that had to be placed on first reading at the last meeting because of the absence of a member are being read as emergencies on tonight's agenda.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-20 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 WITH MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR MODIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** Mr. Wallis 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 for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2016-21 entitled **AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016, THE ISSUE OF A 1% LEVY ON INCOME TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL**

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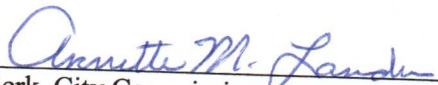
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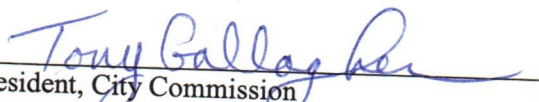
EXPENSES. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-22 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 712 "MOBILE FOOD VENDING" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** 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. O2016-23 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS GALLIA COUNTY AUDITOR'S PARCEL NO. 007-031-012-02.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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