

May 4, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Emergency Ohio Sub House Bill 197.

Commission President Cody Caldwell called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Cody C. Caldwell, President (remote access)  
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice President (in person)  
 Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)  
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (remote access)  
 T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)  
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)  
 Gene Greene, Gallia County Commissioner (in person)  
 Kayla Hawthorne, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)  
 Ronnie Lynch (in person)                      Marvin Ours (remote access)  
 Jeff Boyer (remote access)                      Karen McCarty (remote access)  
 Keith Elliott (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mr. Lozier wished all mothers a Happy Mothers' Day for this Sunday.
- The boat docks were transported to the Public Use Area, but could not be anchored immediately due to high winds. They will be secured and ready for use before the catfish tournament this Saturday.
- The pool is in the process of being cleaned, caulked, painted, and filled for opening on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The ODOT 588 Road Slip Projects were inspected and are performing as expected. Some erosion was anticipated as the groundcover takes hold. The City will be signing off on the close-out of the projects.
- The City Manager, Solicitor, and Code Officer will be meeting soon with the County Treasurer to lay out an action plan for dealing with vacant and dilapidated properties.
- Mr. Paul Covey is looking into options, such as signage and plantings, to deal with vehicles on the bicycle path. We are also planning improved signage for the ball fields.
- Our first "First Friday" of the summer will be this weekend. Mr. Lozier has talked to merchants in the area about their concerns with food trucks. It looks like the Wicked Lobster will be returning and maybe a taco truck. Mr. Gallagher urged that they be restricted from parking along Second Avenue due to safety concerns. Mr. Lozier agreed that safety concerns would be a valid reason for such a restriction.

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

- \$3,500 from the Shelly Co. for 2020 Court, Vine & Locust paving. Inv: 4/12/21. PO: 4/20/21.
- \$3,996 from Allcom for annual e-mail server & hosting. Inv: 3/26/21. PO: 4/1/21.

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

Ms. Landers summarized receipts from the first half 2021 property tax distribution from the County. General Fund received \$101,754.86 and Fire Levy received \$80,505.25. The Utility Department received special assessments of \$1,435.40 and Code Enforcement received \$6,475, plus some penalties and interest. No demolition special assessments were received. Special assessments remaining uncollected are: Utility \$4,234.68, Code \$13,320, and demolition \$4,250. Commissioners received detailed spreadsheets on all special assessments collected and uncollected.

The City Solicitor mentioned that she saw an Ohio Municipal Attorney's Association thread on food truck ordinances that might prove useful in crafting our own revisions.

President Caldwell said that the Chamber of Commerce recently requested that employers ask their employees to not park in front of the businesses along Second Avenue. This might help with concerns raised at our last meeting.

Mr. Brown noted that shopping carts were observed parked around the bandstand. Mr. Lozier asked if they were still there. Mr. Brown answered that they were not. Mr. Lozier explained that the Police Department recently dealt with some homeless people congregating in that area. He added that they have also been setting up in vacant buildings. Both problems are being addressed by police.

Mr. Brown also asked when citizens will be able to get in the City's buildings. Mr. Lozier responded that they can enter now by calling ahead or by knocking on the door. We are waiting to see when the Governor eases restrictions on State facilities to fully open our own. County Commissioner Greene stated that the County is doing the same.

Mr. Gallagher wished Ms. Noe and Ms. Landers a Happy Mothers' Day.

Mr. Sang said that there are several shopping carts across from his business on Eastern Avenue in front of the hotel. He had flashed a video of them while Mr. Brown was talking about shopping carts. There are shopping carts along the bike path near the golf course. He also talked about tents that are popping up in a wooded area near the old location of Serenity House.

On another note, Mr. Sang mentioned that Ryan Smith is now with the Community Improvement Corporation and is working to bring funding resources to our area. This is a positive development that Mr. Sang is tracking and forwarding to Mr. Lozier. As a final note, Mr. Sang informed the other Commissioners that the O.O. McIntyre Park District Board of Directors will be meeting at the Courthouse at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sang said he plans to attend and invited others interested in coming.

Mr. Gallagher asked how the mowing at the cemeteries was going with Memorial Day approaching. Mr. Lozier assured that crews are working on this. He also informed Commissioners that he has been in contact with a business that has been attaching signs to the telephone poles along the road right of way and especially in intersections. He told the offender that the signs must be removed by next week or we will tear them down ourselves.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading a Resolution No. R2021-02 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP ACT)**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, all votes were yes.

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There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY RUNNING EAST-WEST LOCATED BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND AVENUE.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, Mr. Brown voted no. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2021-14 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR STATE CAPITAL PROJECT IMPROVEMENT AWARD FOR THE GALLIPOLIS POOL PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Lozier explained that this is the \$40,000 grant. 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.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission