

May 15, 2018

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Michael Fulks called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Michelle Miller, Gallia Hometown Herald		
Dottie Chestnut	Michael W. Brown	Mary Lee Marchi
Ronnie Lynch	Randy Breech	Roma Wood
Claudia Miller	Jon Lynch	Bradie Angell
David McCarty	David McCoy	Ida Belle Sibley
Cathy Greene	Rick Greene	Mary Greene
Jeff Boyer	Susan Grady	Cletus Harder
Brooke Pasquale	Kelli Pasquale	Thomas J. Pasquale
Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott	Marvin Ours
Erin Buckley	Fran McEwen	McKenzie Conley

Commission received the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Mr. David McCarty, representing The Colony Club, was recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. He was returning to address their request to create a fenced in patio area. They presented their plans to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had no problems with their plans as long as the fencing is not permanent. It will be fastened to the building with removable bolts and will have two flower pots. Mr. Gallagher asked if it would be removed and taken inside the building. Mr. McCarty said it would not. It will be semi-permanent, but can be removed and stored in the recessed area that they own in front of the building. Mr. Gallagher again asked if the tables would be available for non-customers. Mr. McCarty answered that the tables will be for customers, but, depending on the situation, might be sometimes available for non-customers to rest. The Commission gave the go-ahead with the Planning Commission's recommendation that the fencing not be permanent.

Ms. Brooke Pasquale was next granted *Privilege of Floor*. She read a brief synopsis of recent interactions between herself and the City Manager. In brief, she and some friends had hung a hammock between two trees in the City Park recently, unwittingly violating a City ordinance. The City Manager confronted the young ladies, leading to hurt feelings on their part. Mr. Greene met with Ms. Pasquale and others in his office this morning and they patched things up. Ms. Pasquale has some ideas for installing special posts for hammocks in the park or perhaps some swings like those on the river bank. She was

invited to present her ideas to the Park Board for their review. Mr. Greene repeated his apology to Ms. Pasquale for any offence or hurt feelings he might have caused. He said he could not apologize for enforcing the ordinance as it is written, which is his job. Both he and Ms. Pasquale expressed hope that something good can come of this.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City Maintenance Department has been working on the storm line on First Avenue and State Street now that the flooding has slowed down. They are moving the main water line for Dollar General on State Route 7 today.
- City crews have been rodding the sewer lines for businesses in town because no plumbers in the area now offer this service. The City should look at charging for this service because it is work performed on privately owned property.
- Code Enforcement has been focusing on vacant properties with high back property taxes. These taxes are often higher than the value of the property, which creates a real problem with ever getting issues resolved.
- Mr. Bostic has been working with the Planning Commission, Historical Board, and Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Mr. Bostic and other employees have been working hard to get the pool ready for opening on Memorial Day Weekend. They met with lifeguards this week and also made arrangements for the vending machines.
- Mr. Greene has a conference call scheduled in the morning with FEMA to discuss flood damages. He also has a meeting with GDC and the State on Friday morning to discuss their water main project.
- E.L. Robinson will be on-site tomorrow to put together plans for the Bandstand refurbishment project to send out to bid. Plans to polish and seal the Kerr Monument will be looked at as well.
- Mr. Greene checked into costs for the clean-up day that Mr. Caldwell asked about. According to Waste Management, it would cost several thousand dollars for dumpsters and manpower. Dumpsters cost around \$500 each. Waste Management already picks up large items for our residents every week. Mr. Greene said that if we have a clean-up day, we will have a parking lot filled with mattresses, old refrigerator, and other debris. Mr. Gallagher said that the County conducts disposal days a couple of times each year. There is a tractor trailer truck for tires behind the Health Department. He said residents should use these services. Mr. Caldwell announced that the Gallipolis Foundation is planning a community clean-up day on June 16th. This may need to be postponed to a later date. There will be more on this later.
- Ms. Knisley, Utility Billing Supervisor, checked with the County on their e-mail service for landlords, which Ms. Roma Wood was requesting at our previous meeting. She learned that the County does not have the same software program that we do, but we are still looking into whether our program can be made to do the same thing. There was discussion that Ms. Wood could set up her rental accounts to view on-line. This may turn out to be the best solution.

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

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

- \$6,263.41 from Workers Comp for monthly premium. Inv: 4/27/18. PO: 5/1/18.

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

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Ms. Landers detailed the changes in the appropriations ordinance on tonight's agenda. There were no questions concerning these.

The City Solicitor reported that the VOCA Grant is coming up for renewal. This grant is an 80/20 grant with the County and City each assuming a 10% local match. Ms. Landers mentioned that the City has paid in more than their 10% share over the past couple of years due to the delay in receiving reimbursements from the grant. The City will receive these overpayments back when the grant is no longer awarded. It is possible that we might receive extra funding this year for modest increases in pay, hiring a part-time assistant, or even to pay part of our match. Mr. Salisbury talked about the services that the grant provides for our residents through Ms. Grady, our Victim's Advocate, and Ms. Saunders-Noe, our Legal Advocate. No other court in southeast Ohio has similar services to ours. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to continue matching this grant, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Salisbury requested a short executive session for personnel.

Mr. Caldwell said he attended his first meeting of the Family and Children First Council and said it was mindboggling to realize all of the agencies involved in helping children and families in the county.

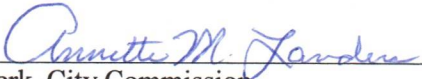
Mr. Gallagher reported on the Police Memorial service in the City Park. He said that it was a beautiful ceremony with a gun salute and playing of Taps. Patrolman Chris Walker was recognized as Officer of the Year. He gave special thanks to the Ohio Valley Bank for their refreshments and tents. He also thanked the many people who came out to the meeting tonight.

Ms. Cathy Greene asked to speak. She said that Vinton Baptist Church was planning an event for the City Park that they are calling "Rock the Block." They would like permission to place a sign across Second Avenue at the park for the event. She was told that the State will not allow anyone to hang banners across Second Avenue. She was invited to come in to discuss where to put their sign.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2018-17 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, HYDRANTS AND METERS**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. 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. O2018-18 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO O2018-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2018-16, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR 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. Sang. On roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Greene said he also wanted executive session for personnel. Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. On roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


 Clerk, City Commission


 President, City Commission