

May 19, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 19, 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  
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President  
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, Interim City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
 Michelle L. Clonch, Asst. City Auditor/Clerk  
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Mary Lee Marchi                      JoAnn Davis  
 Jeff Boyer                              Keith A. Sheets                      William Davis  
 Jon Lynch                              Marvin Vanderberg                      Keith Elliott  
 Joy Elliott

Commission received the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

*Privilege of Floor* was granted to Fire Chief Keith Elliott who said that he brought the new Kabota down to the building if any of the commissioners would like to see it after the meeting.

Mr. Bill Davis addressed the commission and said that he read in the paper about appointing Mr. Greene as the City Manager and his ability to run the City. He said that he is in the process of building three homes and he feels that the process is much easier now that Mr. Greene has been the Interim City Manager. He wants to see Gallipolis grow and feels it is much easier for him and other builders to come into the City and investment money and get things done.

Mr. Wallis recognized Mr. Jon Lynch, past City Commissioner, who was in attendance at the meeting.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City crews at the Garage have been keeping busy with cutting grass in the parks and cemetery.
- The new city parking lot on Third Avenue is about 99% complete.
- The City and County are working together on SR 588 and State Street that is a grant through the County. The County will do the bidding the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.
- Amphitheater - hope to do the bidding the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month and get a contractor selected in June and onsite shortly after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Within the last week, the City and County have been working together with the EPA on surface water problems on Airport Road.
- WPCF upgrade is ongoing and Brian Lane and John Westfall have been on top of that.
- The electrical upgrade for the City Park was used this past weekend and Matt Johnson said that it worked out great.

Mr. Greene requested executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The City Manager had a recommendation to re-appoint Virginia Fogelstrom to the Gallia Metropolitan Housing Authority Board. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to appoint Ms. Fogelstrom to the board, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote for the board appointment, all votes were yes.

Mr. Greene handed out the America In Bloom Itinerary to the commissioners and they are to let Bev Dunkle know if they would like to attend any of the sessions when the judges are in town.

Mr. Wallis requested to go into executive session to talk about a Police Department appointment. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes.

Upon return from executive session, the City Manager recommended the appointment of Chris Walker as a full time patrolman. Mr. Walker has been a reserve officer since 2010 and all his training is up to date. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to appoint Mr. Walker as a full time patrolman, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager recommended the appointment of Jason Lyons as a reserve officer. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to appoint Mr. Lyons as a reserve officer, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The Asst. City Auditor presented the April 2015 Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the April Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Cremeens reported that he, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Greene participated in the Police Memorial Day events held at the City Park and there was a good turnout. Mr. Cremeens also recognized Mrs. Shallon Schuldt for being the officer of the year two years in a row for the Gallipolis Police Department.

Mr. Gallagher suggested that the commissioners get shirts so when they are out in public or at meetings that people know who they are. These will be paid for by the commissioners themselves and they are to let him know if they would like to order and their sizes.

Mr. Johnson said this past Saturday, the Gallipolis in Lights 5K run worked out great and they had 477 runners race.

Mr. Johnson asked the tax administrator Ronnie Lynch if any portion of the taxes that a downtown revitalization funded business pays goes back to the project. Mr. Lynch said he was not aware of this but would check into it.

There was presented and read to the Commission as a second reading a Resolution No. R2015-05 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EUGENE GREENE AS THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 16 & 17 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, Mr. Cremeens, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Wallis voted yes, Mr. Johnson abstained.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-27 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, HYDRANTS AND METERS**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon voice vote, all votes were yes.

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

*Asst* Mitchell L. Clonch  
Clerk, City Commission

Steven E. Walker  
President, City Commission