

May 19, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual special session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 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 by remote access:

Cody C. Caldwell, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Michael W. Brown, Member
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member

T. Beau Sang, Member, logged on during the reading of the proclamation.

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
 Ronnie Lynch (in person) Karen McCarty (remote access)
 Gary Difilippant (remote access) Marie Difilippant (remote access)
 Mark Mohr (remote access) Brook Mohr (remote access)
 Marvin Ours (remote access) Keith Elliott (remote access)
 Beth Hudson (remote access) (Unknown) Danbury (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Caldwell read a proclamation honoring Mrs. Dorothy "Pat" Mohr on her 100th birthday and designating May 26, 2020 as Dorothy "Pat" Mohr Day in the City of Gallipolis. Everyone joined in congratulating her for reaching this milestone.

President Caldwell announced that the order of the agenda must be altered to allow Mr. Fulks to leave the meeting early for another engagement. The legislation will be read next.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2020-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND ADOPTING GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 RESPONSIBLE RESTART OHIO PERIOD**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. The City Manager explained that this covers our local bars and restaurants from May 15th to the 21st. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2020-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND)**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Ms. Landers explained that it is a requirement of Ohio SB 310 for funds received under the CARES Act. We do not know the dollar amount that we will be receiving, but it will be distributed using the same formula as for local government funding. We will need to appropriate these funds prior to expending them. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2020-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, HYDRANTS AND METERS**. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2020-16 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AFFIRM THAT ANY FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT SHALL BE EXPENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT**. Mr. Sang made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Ms. Landers explained that this was another requirement to receive funding. 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. O2020-17 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2012-44, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2012-62, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-31, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-32 CHAPTER 377 GOLF CARTS 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. Sang. In discussion, Mr. Gallagher asked why this was on as an emergency. Ms. Noe explained that it was to get our laws in compliance with changes in ORC and to keep it on the original timeline. Chief Boyer told Commissioners that any officer can inspect vehicles using a check sheet. Most inspections will be conducted at the Police Department. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

The City Manager asked Mr. Fulks to stay for his report on the pool. He said that we are looking at options for opening the pool this season, taking into account the Governor's protocols, guidance from the Gallia County Health Department, and budgetary concerns. Mr. Fulks expressed his desire to see the pool open if at all feasible for the sake of the kids. Other Commissioners concurred. The COVID requirements will create special challenges such as use of masks, extra sanitizing, and social distancing. We cannot be ready to open Memorial Weekend, but hope to be ready by June 5th or so. We need some good weather for painting and making repairs to the diving board. According to reports, most Ohio municipalities will not be opening their pools this year. Some other suggestions under consideration included logging those attending to allow for tracing if necessary and scheduling blocks of time to space out swim groups. We do not plan to sell season passes due to the uncertainty of if or when the pool can remain open. Mr. Fulks left after this discussion.

Other items presented by the City Manager included:

- The boat docks were moved into place yesterday.
- They poured the pad and set the meter panel and pole for the electric recharging stations. They hope to finish by next week. Last Friday evening, some of the senior graduates participated in a car rally around the City Park.
- The State is still working on the SR 588 slip. They have one lane closed to traffic. ODOT is working on getting additional funding to combine a second slip as one big project. Chillicothe Road is in bad shape. Repairs are several months away.
- The drive thru and drop box are open. Plexi-glass has been installed at customer service windows. Employee areas are still restricted. Visitors will be by appointment only, beginning next week.

The City Auditor reported that she will be going to two days per week, beginning this week. She thanked Commissioners for approving this during the budget discussions earlier this year.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending litigation.

Mr. Gallagher led Commissioners in bidding farewell to Mr. Dean Wright, reporter for the Gallipolis Daily Tribune. Mr. Wright is moving on June 5th. All agreed that he has done a superb job in reporting on our meetings for the past five years, as well as other articles of special community interest.

Commissioners discussed whether to continue virtual meetings. Mr. Gallagher said that his age and health place him at special risk. Protocols still restrict in-person meetings to ten or less. Ms. Noe stated that State guidelines still allow virtual meetings with votes valid. We will continue with hybrid meetings as we have been doing. June 2nd is our next meeting.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to enter executive session for pending litigation, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Caldwell announced that there would be no business after executive session. 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