

May 21, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President  
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President  
 Michael W. Brown, Member  
 James A. Cozza, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Tony Gallagher                  Ronnie Lynch                  Carol Pierce  
 Clint Patterson                  Keith Elliott                  Joy Elliott  
 Marvin Vanderberg

Commission received the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Cremeens offered congratulations to Chief Patterson on the raid on Grape Street.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road Repair – Extensions and railings are going on.
- Headworks Project – Mr. Finney and Mr. Swisher met with the EPA as planned to discuss funding for the project, which is currently out to bid. From feedback received, it has been determined that the engineer's estimate of \$885,000 for the project is significantly lower, by \$300,000, than it should have been. They have changed their estimate to more accurately reflect current materials costs. The bid opening is set for Friday at noon.
- Tax Incentives – Mr. Finney went to Columbus on Monday to attend the meeting of the Ohio Tax Credit Authority. They were considering approval of assistance for GKN Sinter Metals, LLC, along with other projects throughout Ohio. They approved a Job Creation Tax Credit of an estimated \$230,000 over an eight-year period. They are receiving a Jobs Ohio Economic Development Grant of \$150,000. CIC is giving them a \$15,000 grant. The Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation awarded a grant for \$350,000. The City's Tax Incentive Program will provide an estimated additional \$44,512 over a four-year period. Mr. Finney remarked that GKN's application was well-prepared and coherent and had been well received. There will be a formal public announcement very soon of GKN's expansion plans, which project the creation of 50 new full-time positions.
- Parkfront Electrical Upgrade – The trenching is done and electrical boxes have been ordered.
- Mr. Finney will be attending the OVRDC meeting in Waverly on Thursday afternoon.

President Cremeens asked Mr. Brown if he had any news to report on his work on the old Railroad Depot. He said that he was still working on it.

The City Auditor presented a liquor license transfer request from Gallia Vending Corporation DBA Robbie's BP to Gallipolis Building Supply Co. DBA Robbie's BP. Mr. Wallis made a motion not to request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers detailed all of the changes to the appropriations in Ordinance No. O2013-30 on the agenda. She also provided a spreadsheet showing the allocation of the anticipated BWC rebate, which was recently announced in the news media.

President Cremeens had asked Ms. Landers to mention the formation of a committee to evaluate and respond to the recommendations in our performance audit. The committee should consist of two Commissioners, the City Manager, and the City Auditor. The City Solicitor offered to serve, too. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wallis volunteered to represent the Commissioners.

The City Solicitor requested executive session to discuss pending lawsuits.

Mr. Cozza asked for an update on damage from the recent storm. Mr. Finney responded that the owner has installed a temporary replacement for the roof on the Court Street building. There are also plans to replace the back wall on the third floor of the building with a new wall. He added that he does not know the owner's plans for the old G.C. Murphy building.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is still getting complaints about the flow of traffic in front of the new building. Mr. Finney agreed that this remains a problem, even with the painting of traffic flow arrows. People tend to ignore signs and even barricades, creating a risk of accidents. Mr. Johnson agreed that this added to the problem, confessing that even he had recently ignored a barricade in his haste to get to an appointment.

Mr. Johnson commended the event in the City Park on Saturday, saying that he had attended. Digital River plans to sponsor more events as resources allow.

Mr. Brown remarked that Portsmouth Road needs a sign to slow traffic due to a plate in the road that has slid some, making the road surface uneven. He also reported receiving a complaint about the stage being left in the park during prom weekend, which interfered with picture-taking. Mr. Finney assured that he did not know that prom was scheduled for that night or he would have made sure that the stage was not in the park. He explained that the stage normally goes in on Friday and out on Sunday.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-28 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH CANADAY CARE LLC FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. There was a short discussion of the need to have services available for employees for next week, when Jeannie Ingles is scheduled to take vacation. Mr. Salisbury assured that this ordinance, as written, would be in effect immediately. 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. O2013-29 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EJECTING BIDS FOR THE HEDGEWOOD DRIVE LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-19**. 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 as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-30 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-23, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. 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. O2013-31 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-17, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown 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.

Mr. Cozza made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending lawsuits/civil actions concerning the Police Department, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon 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 City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission