

May 23, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Ronnie Lynch	Randy Breech	Mary Lee Marchi
Rick Rose	Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott
Susan Grady	Casey Williams	

President Gallagher announced a change in the order of business tonight. Pending legislation is at the top of the agenda.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2017-16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HOLZER CLINIC, LLC HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**. Mr. Brandeberry made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, Mr. Johnson abstained. All other votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2017-18 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL FROM THE LEDGERS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS UTILITY BILLING OFFICE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT CERTAIN PAST DUE ACCOUNTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2017-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES, INC. FOR MAILING MACHINE AND SCALES**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-21 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND STATE**

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Salisbury explained that the application for these grants is due in June. There is an increase in this year's application for a part-time secretary. The total in grant funding applied for will be \$122,055.66, with a 20% (\$30,513.91) local match to be split evenly between County and City. The increase in local match for each entity is \$2,246.24. 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. O2017-22 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-13, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. At Mr. Brandeberry's request, Ms. Landers gave a brief summation of changes included in the ordinance. 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. O2017-23 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-07, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-14, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Ms. Landers said the transfer was the local match for the traffic light project. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Commission received the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Rick Rose. Mr. Rose stated that he has been buying old properties in town and building new housing units on them. His concern is the sewer capacity fees that the City instituted in 2006. In discussions of his concerns with the City Manager, he was unable to secure a waiver of these fees. The next step available was to appeal to the City Commission. In making his case, Mr. Rose noted that he is a businessman and the added burden of the capacity fees for all of the properties involved would greatly increase the up-front costs for him. He felt that the old sewer taps already existent on the properties should exempt him from such fees. He said he was prepared to pay the cost of installation, but would like to have the capacity fees waived. In discussion, Commissioners were shown a sketch of the hook-ups at one of the properties. Several stated that they understood his motive as a businessman to try to save costs where he could, but they could not approve waiving the fees for him without causing a torrent of complaints from other developers who have paid the fee. His request for a waiver was uniformly denied. They thanked him for the work he is doing and wished him well.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Traffic lights are being replaced this week. They will need to order the ones for the Walmart and Kmart intersections, which will be replaced when they come in.
- Crews have worked hard on the sewer line on State Street, replacing all of the pipe and adding clean-outs. They found three sewer lines, a gas line, telephone line, and water main. In addition, they replaced two water main valves on State Street at the Second and Third Avenue intersections.
- The Memorial Day Parade is set for Monday.
- The Cemetery Department is busy mowing and cleaning to get everything in top shape for the holiday.

- The pool will open this Saturday. Tickets go on sale that day. Volunteers from the Gallipolis Jr. Women's Club and Gallipolis Foundation have been working very hard along with Ms. Bradie Angell and her crew to get everything ready.
- A cost estimate has been submitted to GDC for their water line connection project.
- It appears that the Parks will be full every weekend with activities again this summer, with rentals coming in fast for the amphitheater and park facilities. The Streets Department is being "run ragged" with the extra work setting up before and cleaning up after events. They may need to hire additional crew to keep up. In answer to a question from the Commission, the City does require proof of insurance for those sponsoring events.
- Mr. Casey Williams has been recommended for appointment as firefighter. Mr. Greene read a letter of endorsement from Chief Elliott. Mr. Fulks made a motion to appoint him as firefighter (subject to routine probationary term), seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Greene has received uniformly positive feedback from those attending the recent Mayors' meeting. They were especially pleased that all of the City Commissioners attended.

Mr. Brandeberry thanked those providing traffic control for the Gallipolis in Lights' 5K. The fire department's volunteers take a heavy load off of our police department by serving in this way.

The City Auditor presented the April Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the April Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Ms. Landers again cautioned Commissioners not to be too excited over the higher balance in the General Fund. Debt service for the loan on the buildings will be coming out soon, which will bring the balance down some. Even with that consideration, the General Fund is holding up better than in some recent years. Upon voice vote on the motion to approve the financial statement, all votes were yes.

There were three invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

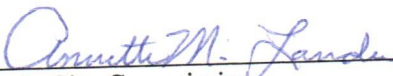
- \$5,624.51 from BWC for monthly workers comp premium. Inv: 4/28/17. PO: 5/1/17
- \$10,500 from Pullins Excavating for demo of Last Chance & 75 Cedar. Inv: 5/2/17. PO: 5/8/17
- \$5,093.84 from AEP for street lights. Inv: 4/27/17. PO: 5/1/17

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

The City Solicitor praised the job that the VOCA team, Ms. Grady and Ms. Noe, have been doing. In spite of the heavy caseload, they are seeing fewer repeat offenders. He endorsed the VOCA program as "money well spent."

Ms. Landers informed the Commissioners that they need to appoint a new voting representative for our health insurance group, OPEC-HC. Mr. Wallis has expressed an interest in serving. Given his interest, the Commissioners appointed him their representative by acclamation. Mr. Greene told him that the next meeting is tomorrow, which Mr. Wallis will not be able to attend. Meetings are very infrequent.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission