

May 31, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at 6:00 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. Veterans present led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Mary Lee Marchi	Brett Bostic
Jon Lynch	Jeff Boyer	Marvin Vanderberg
Keith Jeffers	Krista Johnson	Janet Dailey
Roy Dailey	Lynn Mangus	Bill Mangus
John Watson	Larry Tobias, Sr.	Tom Abrahamson
Aaron Taylor	Charlie Huber	Keith A. Sheets
Michael Plymale	Dave McCoy	Bradie Angell
Roma Wood		

Commission received the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Jon Lynch, representing the Vietnam Veterans, and Mr. Bill Mangus, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Veterans present opted to have a single speaker for each of their groups. President Gallagher brought everyone up to date on prior discussions before the Commission last fall. Mr. Mangus yielded the floor to Mr. Lynch for the first statement. Mr. Lynch thanked the Commission and City Manager for granting *Privilege of Floor* to him as representative of the Vietnam Veterans and Gallia County Veterans Service Commission. He said that they (the GCVSC) are the custodians of the Doughboy Monument and the Russell Memorial. In his statement, which he read to the Commission, he said that Mr. John Thomas had been asked to read at the Memorial Day Observance an announcement concerning banners that the honor guard of the VFW was planning to place in the City Park. Upon researching the matter, Mr. Lynch learned that the City Commission had never actually formally approved the project, although they were favorable toward it. The group was supposed to bring a sample banner back to the Commission for final approval. Mr. Lynch said that his group has a problem with the banners because there are 2300 veterans in Gallia County and just a few banners could be displayed at a time in the park.

Mr. Mangus explained that the reason he had not returned sooner to the Commission was because their original vendor for the banners went out of business. They have just recently received banners from

their new vendor. Members of the audience assisted in displaying some of the banners while Mr. Mangus answered questions from the Commissioners. One question was whether the banners were too big. They are 18" x 24". If they are too big, Mr. Mangus offered to send them back for re-working to fit. They would like to honor WWII veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They would rotate banners out to recognize as many veterans as possible.

In poling the veterans groups represented, it became obvious that there was not consensus among them that this project should be undertaken. The membership of most of the groups had not been included in any discussions. Mr. Brandeberry and Mr. Fulks expressed their discomfort in being placed between opposing veterans groups. They encouraged the groups to get together and try to reach a consensus. Mr. Jeffers agreed that a meeting between the five groups' commanders would be in order. Ms. Roma Wood pointed out that a consensus might be hard to achieve. Mr. Michael Plymale noted that the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC did not have much support initially, but is now very popular. Mr. Johnson agreed that consensus, although desirable, was not mandatory in order for him to make a decision. The veterans agreed to meet together and return to the meeting on June 7th. In the meantime, Mr. Mangus will arrange with the City Manager a time to hang a banner in the City Park to see if it will work with the baskets.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Gallipolis pool is now open. Attendance the first few days has been very good compared to prior years. Workers from Chief Boyer's program did most of the preparatory cleaning for opening the pool. The program has saved over \$8,000 so far in wages that would have been paid for work done and jail time avoided.
- The boat docks are out for repair and expected back before the coming weekend.
- There was a meeting of staff concerning the increased demand for 5K runs in the City. The problem is that everyone seems to want a different course, with some being quite disruptive to traffic on the state routes, as well as demanding of police and street maintenance workers' services. Mr. Greene would like to develop three courses from which groups can choose to avert as many problems as possible for traffic and city personnel. Commissioners were in favor of this effort, especially to encourage events ending in the downtown business area.
- Following up on discussions from the last meeting, Mr. Greene would like to amend the Gallipolis Personnel Policy Manual, adopted in R2011-15, to state that the City Manager and City Auditor will be treated as full-time (40 hr./wk.) employees for the purpose of accrual of sick time, vacation, personal days, and holidays during their period of voluntary reduction of hours. Mr. Brandeberry added that it should be retroactive back to when they began the reduced hours. Changes to the personnel policy manual can be made on recommendation of the City Manager and voice vote of the City Commission. Mr. Brandeberry made a motion accordingly, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Greene recommended Mr. James Johnson for promotion from Acting Supervisor at the Water Treatment Plant to Water Treatment Plant Supervisor. He briefly went over Mr. Johnson's employment history. Mr. Fulks made a motion endorsing this promotion, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Auditor presented a liquor license stock transfer request for Par Mar Oil for 240 shares in the name of William C. Hollister to Croton Holding Company. CEO & Secretary/Treasurer is Milo Ritton. President is Sandra Morgenstern; and COO is Brian Waugh. Chief Boyer reported no known problems with this transfer. 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 listed additions to the appropriation transfer ordinance, which included bringing the legal secretary in the Solicitor's office to full-time, setting the Police Chief's pay to \$50,000 annually, and setting the WTP Supervisor pay at \$47,528 annually, all effective June 6, 2016. The legal secretary will be waiving insurance coverage. The Police Chief's pay increase had been inadvertently omitted from the budget request submitted to the Auditor for inclusion in the 2016 budget. The other addition was for debt service in the WPC Fund, based on the new amortization schedule received from OWDA for the Headworks Project, which came in under budget.

The City Solicitor mentioned the ordinances for the VOCA/SVAA Grant renewals, sale of Gallipolis Island, and Pawnbrokers & Secondhand Dealers on tonight's agenda. Mr. Brandeberry asked if there was a reason, such as a deadline, that the pawnbroker ordinance needed to be adopted as an emergency. He said that he had no objection to the ordinance, but felt that those effected by the ordinance should have an opportunity to have input into the discussion. In discussion, it was determined that there was no real need for emergency passage. If at least one Commissioner votes no, the ordinance will be placed on first reading. It cannot be read for a second reading until at least two weeks have passed, which means the second reading must be delayed to the second meeting in June.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-24 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-12, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-18, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. 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. O2016-25 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-19, 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. 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. O2016-26 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. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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. O2016-27 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS GALLIPOLIS ISLAND.** 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. O2016-28 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. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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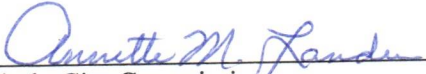
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There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-29 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-71, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-04, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-23, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-61, AMENDING SECTION C6, COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. 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. O2016-30 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FORMULA PROGRAM.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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. O2016-31 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 754 "PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** 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, Mr. Brandeberry and Mr. Gallagher voted no. All other votes were yes. Ordinance No. O2016-31 was placed on first reading.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission