

June 1, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 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:

- Cody C. Caldwell, President (in person)
- Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (remote access)
- T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Michael C. Fulks, Vice President, arrived (in person) during the City Manager's report.

Others attending were:

- Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)
- Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)
- Kayla Hawthorne, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
- Ronnie Lynch (in person) Marvin Ours (remote access)

The City Manager reported on the following:

- All City buildings will be open to the public starting on June 2nd. Per the latest COVID-19 guidelines, masks and social distancing will not be required. Accommodations, such as private appointments and the use of the drive thru, will be available for those still wishing to socially distance.
- The pool did not open on May 29th as originally planned. Chemicals did not arrive in time due to COVID-related supply chain disruptions. We will be opening on Thursday, June 3rd.
- John Thomas of Veterans Affairs has asked that the City allow construction of a Gold Star Families Monument in the City Park. Design plans are not available yet. If the City approves, the veterans will begin raising funds for the project.
- There was an insert in the Commission packets with some proposed changes to the mobile vendor ordinance. If the Commissioners have reviewed the suggestions, we can discuss during the Commission comments portion of the agenda.
- Mr. Lozier requested executive session for personnel matters.

The City Auditor presented one invoice over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$19,407.79 from OVB for fire equipment bond. Inv: 4/14/21. PO: 5/3/21.

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

Ms. Landers presented donations for May 2021:

- \$25 from Steve Chapman for Gallipolis in Lights
- \$75 from Kyger Dental for Gallipolis in Lights
- \$100 from Beau Sang Agency for the Pool Fund
- \$500 from Gallia Vinton Education for the Pool Fund

Mr. Fulks made a motion to accept the May donations, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

It was noted that the City Solicitor is on vacation, but available by telephone, if needed.

Commission took up discussion of the vendor truck ordinance changes. Mr. Fulks suggested expanding the allowed locations to include Court and State Streets. Mr. Gallagher asked if this would eliminate the \$1,500 annual license fee. Mr. Lozier answered that it would not. The annual license would still be available. If an annual license holder wishes to set up in the same area as a special event, he will need to go through the coordinator for that special event. There was some discussion that the annual fee might be too high and an expressed desire to not over-complicate the rules. The rules would apply to all mobile vendors, not just food trucks. Mr. Lozier will take the proposed rule changes to the merchants and other interested individuals and then bring back a more refined version for the Commission's consideration before introducing a finalized ordinance.

In discussion of the Gold Star Families Memorial, Commissioners are supportive of the idea, but would like to know more about the size, design and location on the City Park. Mr. Sang looked it up on the internet and found an example to share with the other Commissioners. President Caldwell suggested postponing any further discussion to the next meeting to allow Mr. Brown to participate and to gather more information. There was also discussion of the bowing of one of the walls at the Doughboy Monument. The veterans maintain these monuments.

Mr. Sang gave an update on the meeting with O.O. McIntyre Park District concerning vehicles on the bike path. Mr. Covey told him that the Park District installed some signs and a plastic bollard. They say that they cannot install metal bollards. Mr. Covey told him that the Park District had done all that they could do and the rest would be on the City. Mr. Sang said that he is still seeing vehicles on the bike path after these measures were taken. Mr. Fulks pointed out that no matter what measures are taken, some people will find a way to flout them. There was discussion of approaching Holzer about blocking unauthorized access that people are gaining through their Sycamore Clinic parking lot. Mr. Lozier said that he will speak again to Mr. Covey to try to come up with more solutions.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-15 entitled **AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR CEMETERY ROAD WHICH WAS NEVER DEVELOPED BY THE CITY.** Mr. Fulks again recused himself from any discussion or vote. Mr. Sang made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, three votes were yes, with Mr. Fulks recused. O2021-15 was adopted on second reading.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-17 entitled **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9, MEETINGS, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to enter executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to enter executive session for personnel, all votes were yes. President Caldwell stated that there would be no business following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission