

June 3, 2014

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Steven Wallis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Steven E. Wallis, President
 James Jay Cremeens, Vice-President
 Michael W. Brown, Member
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, 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
 Ronnie Lynch Clinton Patterson Marvin Vanderberg
 Joy Elliott Keith Elliott Judy Payne
 Mary Lee Marchi Fred Holmes (arrived late)

Commissioners received the minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Brown pointed out an error in the spelling of Mr. Berdine's name. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Ms. Judy Payne, who lodged a complaint about pet owners allowing their pets to drink out of water fountains in the City Park. She said that this has bothered her for several years. The City Manager responded that he has never observed anyone doing this and that the water fountains are shut off in the park right now. He asked how we could fix this when it is impossible to monitor the parks at all times. President Wallis talked about possibly installing fountains with pet drinking reservoirs. Mr. Johnson admitted that his dog has done this in the past, but she is not in shape to do it anymore. However, when she did drink from the fountain, he made sure that she did not touch the metal parts. The Commissioners appreciated her concern and said that they would keep this in mind in future planning for the park.

Ms. Mary Lee Marchi commended the City employees for their work in handling the water emergency, saying that she really appreciated them. She expressed concern about getting information out to the residents, suggesting that the City create a Facebook page for such items. Mr. Finney said that he sent messages out on the Notify Now system three times yesterday and once today. President Wallis told her that the City is getting ready to go on the Everbridge system, which has many more capabilities. Mr. Vanderberg mentioned that it was on the television news reports. Chief Elliott commented that the fire department has a Facebook page that they use for announcements.

Mr. Finney had to leave the room briefly, so Mr. Wallis asked Ms. Landers to give her report first.

Ms. Landers reported that a liquor license transfer request was received to transfer from J.D. Hill Inc. & Patio to Its Someplace Else, LLC dba Someplace Else & Patio. The Police Department reports no issues with this

transfer. Mr. Johnson made a motion not to request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Auditor presented eight invoices over \$3,000 for approval:

- \$6,038.60 from CT Consultants for Headworks Project. Invoice date: 3/11/14. PO date: 4/1/14.
- \$35,805 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade. Invoice date: 3/11/14. PO date: 4/1/14.
- \$8,800 from Allcom for Advantage service agreement. Invoice date: 3/18/14. PO date: 4/7/14.
- \$5,600 from The Hoop Project for court sponsorship. Invoice date: 3/18/14. PO date: 4/4/14.
- \$7,105.77 from CT Consultants for Headworks Project. Invoice date: 4/22/14. PO date: 5/27/14.
- \$35,805. From CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade. Invoice date: 4/22/14. PO date: 5/27/14.
- \$19,184.40 from Waste Management for April refuse. Invoice date: 5/1/14. PO date: 5/13/14.
- \$4,500 from A-1 Wrecking for demolition (36 Henkle). Invoice date: 5/7/14. PO date: 5/8/14.

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

Ms. Landers gave a report on receipts from the Gallipolis in Lights 5K Race. Entry fees netted \$10,295. T-shirt sponsors donated an additional \$1,800.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Concerning electric rates, he had hoped that Mr. Holmes would be at the meeting, but he probably got confused about the change in the starting time even though he was told. Mr. Finney is looking at two other sources in addition to VESI.
- Gallipolis Island – Mr. Salisbury has been working with the W.V. Land Trust and U.S. Fish & Wildlife on researching and preparing the documents. Mr. Salisbury explained that this will require some pretty complicated language because of their requirements for an undivided interest in the land in their trust agreement. Mr. Brown said that he had been in contact with Mr. Berdyne several times, meeting and talking with him concerning the island. He said that Mr. Berdyne has been encouraged over the possibilities for the island from what he has seen so far. Mr. Salisbury commented that they have sent him copies of deeds going back to the 1800's. They will also want to conduct quite a few tests before accepting ownership.
- Mr. Finney asked if anyone was planning to attend the Ohio Judicial Symposium on Opiate Addiction in Columbus on June 30th, which was mentioned at the last meeting. Mr. Gallagher offered to attend.
- GDC and the City have been going back and forth for many years in formulating an agreement for water service for GDC. The City spent \$7,500 on a study earlier. Mr. Finney was wondering if GDC should be the ones to pay for any additional engineering studies for this project. President Wallis said that he does not understand how our water flow cannot meet their fire suppression needs. Mr. Finney responded he also does not understand, but that their engineer set their criteria higher. He offered to let Mr. Wallis take it on since he has greater knowledge in this area.
- The township fire agreement renewals are coming up this fall. Chief Elliott has been working on pulling together figures on their run histories.
- Mr. Finney is also working on the health insurance and property insurance renewals.
- Mr. Finney apologized for the lack of communication today on the water emergency through the Notify Now system. It was a hard day. He updated the website, but the website crashed. He talked to three television stations and two radio stations to get the word out. They found a major leak in the pipe under Chickamauga Creek. ODOT says that we cannot put a line across their bridge, so the permanent repair will be costly. The men have done a tremendous job, working more than thirty hours without stop. We have had great support from everyone, especially from our Commissioners, surrounding communities, and other fire departments. Our Fire Department has been helping Holzer with water. The County EMA Center opened today, declaring an emergency, which will help with funding for repairs. Mr. Brown said he would like to talk at the next meeting about honoring the workers. Mr. Cremeens concurred.

- Mr. Finney reminded everyone about upcoming events: America in Bloom, Chautauqua, The Hoops Project, and the River Recreation Festival. We might need to schedule a different day for our second June meeting. June 10th was suggested, if needed.

The City Solicitor reported that all of his cases are going well. He needs to file on the Thomas Clothiers loss before June 24th.

Mr. Gallagher commended employees for their incredible efforts during the water emergency.

Mr. Brown asked the status of the next city-wide yard sale. Mr. Finney said that the June 27th & 28th City-wide Yard Sale is posted on the City website. It has also been announced on the Gallia Hometown Herald website and in the Gallipolis Daily Tribune.

President Wallis expressed concern that the resident at 942 First Avenue is tearing up City property, turning what was just a path into a driveway. Mr. Finney asked what grounds he had to go after the guy. There was some discussion of the plans submitted not matching what he is now doing. Mr. Wallis is concerned that he is getting too close to the road with his roadwork. Mr. Wallis expressed that what he is doing is not acceptable. Mr. Brown also expressed concerns. Mr. Salisbury advised that the City can issue a "cease and desist" order to halt the work. Commissioners want him to submit a plan for approval before he does any more work.

President Wallis re-introduced the topic of making State and Court Streets 2-way around the City Park. Mr. Finney advised that it would just take a motion of the Commission. Then he can take it to ODOT for their approval. Mr. Brown made a motion to change the traffic flow to 2-way on State and Court Streets around the City Park. The motion died for lack of a second.

President Wallis reported that the recent meeting concerning emergency contingencies for the River Recreation Festival yielded some great plans.

President Wallis asked if the River Sweep and Hoops Project are set for the same day. Mr. Finney answered that they are not.

The plaque for the Administration Building will cost around \$1,100. Ms. Landers stated that the cost can be shared between the General Fund and the Water & WPC Funds.

Mr. Brown stated that he is working with Mr. Bob Hood on shirts and jackets for the City Commissioners. They will be paying for these items from their own personal funds, not City funds.

Mr. Fred Holmes of Volunteer Energy Services was invited to speak. Mr. Holmes said that our electric aggregation program was a sweet deal, but that they are seeing rates going up every month. Under our current program, which expires on August 1st, commercial rates are \$0.053/kwh and residential rates are \$0.0599/kwh. Today's rates are \$0.083/kwh (commercial) and \$0.092/kwh residential. If we renew through VESI, customers still have the option to opt out, if desired. If we decide not to renew, residents will have to go back to the utility companies. Rates will be going up dramatically no matter what the Commission chooses to do.

Chief Elliott asked to speak about a request from Harrison Township's fire department to buy our old fire truck for \$1. We have done this in the past with other fire equipment that we were retiring. The truck is thirty-three years old. We would strip it of usable equipment before transferring ownership. The new truck is supposed to be here on June 17th. Commissioners wanted to know if any other fire departments had indicated an interest in the truck. Chief Elliott said that this was the only request that he had received. Mr. Cremeens made a motion to sell the old fire truck, as is, stripped down, to the Harrison Township Fire Department for \$1, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown asked when the Health Department will begin spraying for mosquitos. Mr. Finney answered that the contract has already been signed for this season.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-12 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS FOR BUILDING AN AMPHITHEATER AT THE PUBLIC USE AREA.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

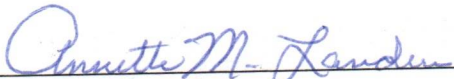
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2014-13 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS FOR A SLIP REPAIR ON STATE ROUTE 588.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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. O2014-30 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-19, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-24, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.** Mr. Cremeens 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. O2014-31 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-14, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2014-25, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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. O2014-32 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED FOR THE CDBG DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR THE REPAIR OF A SLIP ON STATE ROUTE 588.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cremeens. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission