

June 4, 2019

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Michael Fulks called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis led a moment of silent meditation for the recent passing of former Fire Chief Bob Poling, followed by the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, President
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Cody C. Caldwell, Member
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member
 Beau Sang, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Ronnie Lynch Jeff Boyer Greg Terry
 Kenny Ratliff Claudia Miller Brenda Terry
 Dottie Chestnut Roma Wood Joy Elliott
 Keith Elliott Randy Breech Michael W. Brown

Commission received the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Randy Breech. Making reference to the last Planning Commission meeting, he pointed out some areas of concern: more parking for the downtown, homelessness, drug abuse, and the condition of many buildings in the historic district. He stated that the Planning Commission needs to address these problems through pro-active planning for development in the historic district. We need to be able to assure that new enterprises do not become discouraged by the conditions of neighboring properties. He offered his time to serve on such a committee. Mr. Greene pointed out that Mr. Breech has a piece of property that could be donated to the City for additional parking. Chief Boyer spoke about an Ohio Supreme Court ruling that interferes with setting 2 hour parking limits unless the spaces are metered. President Fulks said that the Commission would take Mr. Breech's concerns under advisement.

Ms. Brenda Terry was next recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. She stated that she and her husband live on Jackson Pike and are opposed to annexation. She wanted to know whether this would be discussed this evening. Mr. Greg Terry added that he has been living at his current address for eighteen years and they are just barely making it on their income. He is worried that the cost to his family from annexation will be greater than the benefits.

Mr. Sang and other Commissioners responded that there is a lot of misinformation out there on social media. Although there is the permissive license tax of \$20/vehicle and some will pay our 1% income tax, retirement income and SSI are not included. Lower water and sewer rates will more than offset the added costs for most people annexing. Mr. Sang offered to help anyone interested in crunching their own numbers to see if annexation would be a net cost or benefit in their own situation. President Fulks explained that these topics and others will be addressed at future public meetings, but that any annexation is still way off in the future. After a period of public hearings, it would require 51% of the property owners to sign a

petition requesting annexation of their property. As it currently stands, the targeted area of annexation is from Pine Street extending through the Spring Valley area to Mitchell Road.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Last week, we met with Mr. Mark Kirkhart of ODOT about the slip on SR588. We also sent an e-mail to the District 10 offices, asking for help with SR588 and Chillicothe Road.
- The Kerr Fountain project has been started and it looks like they will be able to restore not only the cosmetics, but also the functioning of the fountain after many years of being shut off.
- City Maintenance crews have been busy filling in pot holes left from winter now that the blacktop plants are up and running.
- The swimming pool is open and running the best he has seen in his five years as City Manager. Many thanks to Brett Bostic and Susan Phillips for all of their hard work.
- Both Pine Street and Mound Hill cemeteries look great this year thanks to the efforts of Sexton Waggoner and the Cemetery and Garage crews. They have been working long hours to make sure everything was in great shape for the Mothers' Day and Memorial Day holidays.
- We have been working on the transfers of properties discussed at the last meeting. These ordinances are on tonight's agenda.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for personnel and contracts.
- Mr. Greene showed everyone a certificate that the City received at the monthly BWC Safety Council last week for our excellent safety record. Assistant Safety Director Shelly Clonch represents the City at these meetings.

The City Auditor presented for approval of payment three invoices over \$3,000:

- \$4,518.45 from Workers Comp for monthly premium. Inv: 4/26/19. PO: 5/1/19.
- \$5,116.02 from AEP for April street lights. Inv: 4/30/19. PO: 5/1/19.
- \$20,428.61 from Bob's Market for 1st pmt on Pixel Tree for GIL. Inv: 5/7/19. PO: 5/13/19.

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

Ms. Landers informed Commissioners that she will be on vacation the last week of June through the first Monday in July, returning to work on Tuesday, July 2nd.

The City Solicitor requested executive session.

Mr. Gallagher said that he also would like to request executive session for personnel. He also wants to re-open the issue of safety in the City Hall in light of the recent shooting in the national news.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2019-02 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Mr. Caldwell passed around a paper the City Auditor had provided that gave the dollar amounts the City had lost annually in local government funding since the State began reductions in 2010. From 2011 to 2018, this totaled \$219,828. 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. O2019-15 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2019-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-11, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-13, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS**,

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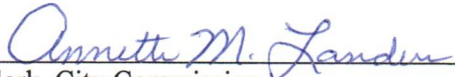
OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

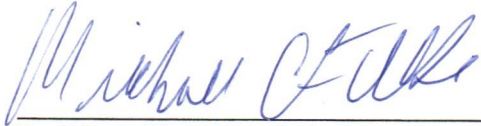
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-16 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 539 & 535 THIRD AVE, 532 & 534 SECOND AVENUE, AND 0 CHERRY ROAD.** Mr. Gallagher 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. O2019-17 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL AT A SET PRICE TO A DESIGNATED PURCHASER REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 527, 531, 533, AND 535 SECOND AVENUE.** Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. 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. O2019-18 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. Wallis 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.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session for personnel/employee relations in the Police Department, contracts, and legal matters, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Fulks announced 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