

June 7, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 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.

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:

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| 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 | Bill Ward |
| Jon Lynch | Joy Elliott | Keith Elliott |
| Randy Breech | Lynn Mangus | Bill Mangus |
| Mike Fisher | Larry Tobias, Sr. | Tom Abrahamson |
| Aaron Taylor | Joe DiSantis | Keith A. Sheets |
| Michael Plymale | Dave McCoy | Sarah Smith |
| Roma Wood | Don Mink | Anthony Merola |
| Larry Marr | Michael Smith | Wilma Abrahamson |

Privilege of Floor was granted once again to Mr. Jon Lynch, representing the Vietnam Veterans, and Mr. Bill Mangus, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Lynch deferred to Mr. Mangus. Mr. Mangus reported back to the Commission that his group has spoken with several of the veterans' groups, with most seeming to be onboard for the project. They are planning to set up a committee with one to two representatives from each group to assume responsibility for organizing, financing, and overseeing the project. Some sample banners were hung on the First Avenue side of the Park. Feedback on these has been overwhelmingly positive. Some folks from Athens, Ohio, saw the banners over the weekend and are interested in doing a similar project there. Mr. Mangus stated that they would like to have the banners on display from Memorial Day to Veterans' Day, but would settle for display on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans' Day if this was not feasible. They would like to display the banners all around the City Park and on Second Avenue from Sycamore to Vine. Banners would be rotated to assure that all serving members and as many veterans as possible would be displayed. In addition, veterans who lost their lives in service to their country would be prominently displayed on the three special holidays.

There was some discussion about liability issues should someone be injured in hanging the banners, as City workers would not be available for this task. Mr. Mangus felt sure that their group could assume that risk. President Gallagher explained that the proper process would be to first present their project to the Park Board. After the Park Board hears the matter, they will present their recommendation to the City Commission. The City Manager said that the Park Board will meet next Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Mangus will be informed of the date and time.

Commission received the minutes of the May 31, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- There was a substantial water leak on SR 141 caused by the county sewer line construction. There is a boil water advisory in effect.
- The pool has been open for almost two weeks now and is doing well.
- Gallipolis in Bloom has all of their flowers up; and the water truck has started.
- Community service workers have been cleaning, mulching, picking up trash, and cleaning sidewalks in the City. The program is working great.
- The Park Board will meet next week concerning veterans' banners in the City Park.
- The boat docks have been repaired and are back in the river.
- The City Manager and City Auditor will be attending mandatory HB9 Public Records Training in Logan on Friday.

The City Auditor presented the May Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Brandeberry made a motion to approve the May Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers presented the following invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$15,383.55 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade Project. Invoice: 3/9/16. PO: 5/10/16.
- \$56,019.84 from Ohio Workers Comp for 50% premium. Inv: 3/18/16. PO: 5/6/16.
- \$20,442.24 from Waste Mgt. for April refuse pick-up. Inv: 5/1/16. PO: 5/2/16.
- \$4,961.07 from OVB for Parking Lot Bond. Inv: 5/4/16. PO: 5/10/16.
- \$19,407.79 from OVB for Fire Equipment Bond. Inv: 5/4/16. PO: 5/10/16.
- \$14,561.39 from OVB for 2013 Street Improvement Bond. Inv: 5/4/16. PO: 5/10/16.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Johnson. In discussion, Mr. Brandeberry asked if we shopped third party administrators to keep our costs down. Ms. Landers and Mr. Greene explained that the reasons for the high bill this year and the steps we are taking are threefold:

1. We are not eligible for a group rating pool because of the injury claim still being charged against us, which will be against our claims history until 2018 (2017 final year). Until then, we will not be eligible to join a group for group rating discounts.
2. This year, we are paying for one and a half years of premiums because BWC is going from retrospective billing to current year billing. In the past, we have paid based on the prior year's actual payroll amounts. This year, we are paying for 50% of the 2015 payroll and 100% of the projected 2016 payroll. BWC did the 2016 projection. There will be a settle-up adjustment at the end of the year to true-up the amounts paid with the actual 2016 payroll figures.
3. We already participate in every BWC program that we are able to for premium discounts.

Mr. Brandeberry is interested in having a special meeting sometime in executive session to discuss legal issues in regard to our Workers Comp injury claim. Upon voice vote on the motion to approve payment of these invoices, all votes were yes.

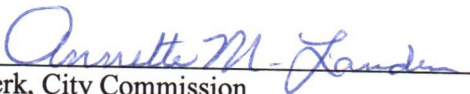
The City Solicitor informed the Commissioners that the Pierce jury trial will not be taking place. Their attorney may come before the City Commission in executive session on June 21st to discuss pending legal matters.

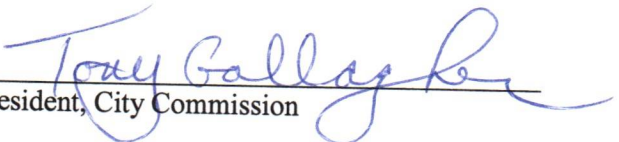
Mr. Johnson asked who was responsible for the hole in the 400 block of 2 ½ Alley, arising from work on a sewer blockage. Someone needs to fill in the hole because it is a traffic hazard. Mr. Greene said that the property owners are responsible for parts of 2 ½ Alley. He offered to look at it with Mr. Walters to determine what needs to be done and by whom. He will report back after their assessment of the situation.

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There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2016-02 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE CDBG GALLIPOLIS TRAFFIC LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Mr. Greene talked about the effort made to get funding for the project from the state. ODOT refused to take on the project, even though they have replaced traffic lights along the state routes in the past. Karen Sprague was a tremendous help in securing CDBG funding for all but \$6,294 in required local match. Mr. Greene plans to ask ODOT to assist with the local match. If they refuse, the match will come from our M & R Streets Fund. Upon voice vote to place this resolution on first reading, 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