

June 18, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President James Jay Cremeens called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Michael W. Brown, Member
 James A. Cozza, 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
 Tony Gallagher Clint Patterson Keith Elliott
 Joy Elliott Marvin Vanderberg

Commission received the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road Repair – They are painting beams and have progressed half way down the hill. July 25th is the estimated date for completion of the project.
- EMA Training – Mr. Finney attended the Rapid Needs Assessment Workshop today along with County personnel.
- Park front electrical panel upgrade project – Three panels are in, with the project due for completion in time for the July 4th activities. The old panels were reported to be in very poor condition. The electrical hook-ups at the benches are on schedule for replacement next year.
- Benches and commemorative bricks in Park – This project has been delayed because of the contractor, but is expected to commence the week after July 4th.
- Relocation of portable stage in Park – Maintenance installed a longer electrical cord to the stage, which allows it to be placed further away from the bandstand.
- Meeting with downtown business owners – Mr. Finney met last week with nearby business owners to discuss concerns they might have. Around twelve to thirteen people attended. They had a good discussion, with parking for customers as their main concern. It was decided to have employees, including City employees, park on the street to free up the municipal parking lot for customers. Mr. Finney said that some owners were advocating going back to angle parking on Second Avenue. Mr. Wallis stated that this would mean that the City would no longer receive funding for highway maintenance along the state route, which we cannot afford to lose. The State does not approve of anything other than parallel parking along state routes. Mr. Cozza asked if there had been any interest in converting Court Street from Second to Third Avenue, to one way traffic with angle parking. There are some old drawings showing such an arrangement. Mr. Finney said that he would look for the drawings.

- Municipal Income Tax reform – Mr. Finney plans to attend a strategy meeting on Thursday in Athens for municipal income tax collectors. The state seems to still be interested in pushing for centralized collection along with tax uniformity.
- Demolition Grant – Asbestos testing has been done on six houses, including the City's recent purchase on Locust Street.
- Probation Intake Grant – Mike Smith sent an e-mail late this afternoon concerning an Office of Criminal Justice Probation Intake Grant. He must submit an application by June 28th. He needs for the Commission to approve by motion the application for funding, to be followed by legislation at the next meeting. Mr. Cozza made a motion to approve application for the OCJ Probation Intake Grant, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- House fire on Woodland Drive – Firefighters did an excellent job in responding to a house fire on Woodland Drive on Sunday evening. The fire got very hot very fast and people had to be rescued from the house. Mr. Finney plans to have the Commissioners honor the volunteers and neighbors involved.
- America in Bloom – The judges will be in town this week. Commissioners were again encouraged to attend as many events as they can. President Cremeens commended the street crew for working in the rain to complete trimming and clean-up.

The City Auditor presented the May Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the May Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Ms. Landers went over some General Fund revenues, comparing them with last year. Mr. Cozza asked if she expected to receive any more estate taxes. She replied that she has not received any more letters from the County Treasurer concerning estates that have been filed, but that does not mean that some more may not come in. The court fines are higher than received in the same period last year, which indicates that the City Solicitor has been doing a good job prosecuting cases. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers announced that the State Auditors would like to conduct their post-audit meeting with Commissioners and management next Wednesday or Thursday. After a short discussion, Commissioners agreed to set the time for Wednesday, June 26th at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Landers explained that this would be a closed meeting, excluded by law from the Open Meetings or Sunshine Law. Once the State releases the audit, it will be public record.

Ms. Landers informed the Commission that she and Commissioner Mike Brown met to discuss the proposals for active deposits accounts. Mr. Brown has a background in banking and was able to offer his expertise in evaluating the proposals. They prepared a spreadsheet, comparing the proposals side-by-side, which was included in the Commission packets. After deliberating the merits of each, they decided to recommend acceptance of the proposal from the Ohio Valley Bank, which offered the highest interest rate (0.40%) along with free services for a compensating balance of \$500,000. The payroll account and insurance risk account will also be free of service charges, but will be non-interest bearing. Since the balances in these two accounts are generally low, it makes sense to forego interest in order to get free service on these accounts. The ordinance is on tonight's agenda.

The City Solicitor informed the Commission that the annexation agreement for Cliffside Golf Course, on tonight's agenda, will go before the County Commission at their meeting this Thursday. From there, it will come back to the City Auditor to certify to the County Auditor.

Mr. Johnson reported on the Ohio River Live concert, held last Saturday in Gallipolis. He said that attendance was not what they had hoped, but that those who attended seemed to have a good time. Planners are evaluating how to reach more people for their next event.

On July 20th and 21st, Digital River is sponsoring The Hoop Project, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, in the Gallipolis City Park. There will be inflatables and face painting for the kids. He said that these events are generally well-attended. They are asking for the City's help in providing portable toilets and color copies to promote the event. Mr. Wallis made a motion to provide portable toilets and 500 color copies promoting the Hoops Project, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, Mr. Johnson abstained due to his involvement in the event. All other votes were yes.

There was a brief discussion of the America in Bloom events. Mr. Johnson said that he would attend the reception from 6:30 to 8:30 on Thursday evening.

President Cremeens told about running into a Michigan State Police Officer at the pool of his hotel in Williamsburg last week. The officer said that he and his wife regularly stayed in Gallipolis on their frequent trips down to Williamsburg. They said that they enjoyed the beauty of the scenery along the river and at the City Park.

The City Manager described the activities planned for the River Recreation Festival over the July 4th holiday.

Mr. Wallis complimented those involved in creating the emergency action plan for the City and County.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-35 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR ACTIVE DEPOSITS FOR TREASURY FUNDS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** 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. O2013-36 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING ASSURANCE TO THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF A SOURCE OF LOCAL FUNDS FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Mr. Wallis asked if we needed to get the County officially involved in the project in light of their promise to support our search for funding. Mr. Finney answered that he has asked for their involvement in the lift station upgrades. He has spoken to Mr. Montgomery concerning this. 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. O2013-37 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO RENEWAL RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES, INC. FOR MAILING MACHINE AND SCALES.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney explained that this was a replacement of current equipment under lease, at an additional cost of \$1 per month. 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. O2013-38 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND A CHANGE ORDER WITH FOILL, INC. FOR THE MOUND HILL ROAD (ORIGINAL ENTRANCE) LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT.** 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.

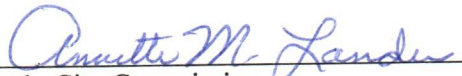
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ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, AND THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF GALLIPOLIS TOWNSHIP, GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO, PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.192 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Wallis asked if there was any effort to annex additional properties out Mill Creek Road. The City Solicitor summarized the process of annexation. Once this property is annexed, other adjoining properties could begin the process of annexation should they so desire. 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