

July 2, 2019

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 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 gave 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
- Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
- Ronnie Lynch Jeff Boyer Linda Chapman
- Claudia Miller Randy Breech Steve Chapman
- Joy Elliott Roma Wood Lester Plymale
- Keith Elliott Ted Lozier Michael W. Brown
- Michelle Hixon Jennifer Wilfong Michael Saunders
- Kimberly A. Adkins

Commission received the minutes of the June 2, 2019 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Ms. Jennifer Wilfong, representing AEP. Ms. Wilfong gave a public relations slide presentation of products and services offered by AEP. Commissioners praised AEP for their community mindedness and thanked Ms. Wilfong for her work.

Mr. Steve Chapman was next recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. He raised objections to the County locating a new jail facility next to the Courthouse, saying that it would not look good and would bring a bad element into town. He asked Commissioners not to back the County in that location. He and his supporters were suggesting it be placed on the GDC grounds. Commissioners responded that locating the new jail next to the Courthouse benefits both the County and the City when it comes to transporting prisoners to their hearings. Our Police Department is already short-staffed and overworked without the added burden of running prisoners back and forth to hearings all day long. If the County tried to put the jail at GDC, residents in that area would raise objections, as well. In addition, the land has already been sold to the County and is theirs to do with as they please. We have worked many years to build a good relationship of cooperation with the County, which benefits all of our citizens.

There was discussion about zoning for the area along Second Avenue, which Mr. Chapman said the City would need to change and Mr. Greene thought was fine as zoned. Mr. Chapman questioned why Ms. Miller didn't sell her land to a neighbor when offered, saying that neighboring land values would fall with the City's planned gravel parking lot. Ms. Miller objected to his characterization of the sale of her property, saying that it had been for sale for many years and that the earlier offer from the neighbor was

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rejected as unreasonably low. Commissioners ended the discussion by stating again that Mr. Chapman should address any concerns about the County's project directly to the County.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance Department has been painting curbs and crosswalks. The pump at the pool went out last Thursday, but was only down a couple of days. Crews have also been busy repairing water and sewer lines and working with the gas company project.
- There is a flooding issue at First & Locust caused by a private contractor that the City is working with the property owner and private contractor to resolve.
- The cemetery crews are working hard to stay ahead of the rain. There was seven inches in June.
- The Kerr Fountain is up and running again after 30 years.
- We have completed the buying and selling of property with the County and the Millers. Mr. Greene thanked the City Solicitor for her help on this.
- OPWC has approved \$163,233 to repave Locust, Court, and part of Vine streets.
- Waste Management sent us a letter stating that our trash service would be going up due to the Governor's gas hike. This places us in the very bad situation of having to pay more from the Sanitation Fund for services that, as a practical matter, we cannot pass on to the consumers for the few short months until our contract with Waste Management comes up in the fall. By statute, the money from the gas tax goes into the M&R Streets and the State Highway Improvements funds. Mr. Greene has asked the City Solicitor to look at our current contract with Waste Management to see if this increase is legal. He has also contacted the Governor's office.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for personnel.

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

Four invoices over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$4,518.45 from Workers Comp for monthly premium. Inv: 5/31/19. PO: 6/3/19.
- \$21,636.75 from Waste Management for May trash service. Inv: 6/1/19. PO: 6/3/19.
- \$5,119.15 from AEP for May street lights. Inv: 5/30/19. PO: 6/3/19.
- \$3,178.45 from Shelly Co. for OPWC Paving Project. Inv: 4/29/19. PO: 6/21/19.

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

Copies of Resolution No. R2019-02 (to restore local government funding) were sent to the Ohio Municipal League and to Senator Bob Peterson on 6/5/19, the day after our last meeting.

Ms. Landers detailed changes to the appropriations contained in Ordinance No. O2019-19 on tonight's agenda. These included additional for IT work in General, Water & Sewer; correction of an error in VOCA retirement & Medicare; appropriation of the JRI Grant incentive; additional in the meters line for Water; and a large refund from Unclaimed Funds for a tax refund from 2018 that was never cashed. Ms. Landers was asked if effort was made to contact people about unclaimed funds. She said that she has contacted people in the past if she recognized the name and could find a way to contact the person. Otherwise, after ten years, any unclaimed funds go to the General Fund.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-19 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2019-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-11, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-15, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT**

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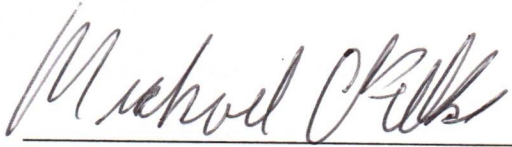
EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-20 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-44, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE O2018-01, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE O2018-38, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE O2019-01, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** Mr. Sang made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Ms. Landers informed Commissioners that these changes would cost \$55,432 in salary and \$11,560 in retirement and Medicare on an annualized basis, with increases as a few police officers advance to higher steps within their ranges. Most are already at the maximum step. 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, 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