

July 7, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Emergency Ohio Sub House Bill 197.

Commission President Cody Caldwell called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Cody C. Caldwell, President (remote access)
 Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (remote access)
 T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Michael C. Fulks, Vice President, attended by phone, beginning with reading of the ordinances.

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)
 Beth Sergent, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
 Ronnie Lynch (in person) Beth Lozier (in person)
 Karen McCarty (remote access) Jeff Boyer (remote access)

Commission received the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Concerning COVID-19: The Municipal Building was re-opened on June 17th. Mr. Lozier listed protocols being observed.
- The Lions Club has requested permission to place American flags in the City Park just off the roadway. They have traditionally placed flags along Eastern Avenue, but have safety concerns because of increased traffic. We are currently looking into any issues that might arise from this. Mr. Sang asked if the City could assist with placement of the flags along Eastern Avenue, such as providing traffic control or manpower.
- Columbia Gas has begun installing customer service lines, new gas meters, regulators and vents. They began that work along the south side of Court Street. This has brought up issues of aesthetics and safety (possible trip hazards), which we are trying to resolve with Columbia Gas. Mr. Lozier showed a picture of the work in front of Tawney's building and the Right Lane Driving School. A discussion followed about possible remedies to the aesthetic and safety concerns. Mr. Brown said that he has talked about his concerns in person and by phone to property owners and representatives of Columbia Gas. President Caldwell wondered what they have done in other municipalities, but we have not received a good answer to this yet. Columbia Gas has halted work until they can meet with us.
- Paving bids are due tomorrow. We will need to work closely with Columbia Gas to ensure that their work is completed before the affected roads can be paved.
- The Ohio EPA is lifting their ban on water shut-offs on July 10th. We are still working through how to handle customer arrearages. Currently, we have fifty-two accounts that are more than thirty days overdue, which translates to \$19,000 in overdue bills. Mr. Lozier checked with Community Action and was told that all of their funding for this type of assistance was used up. Mr. Gallagher thought that some more might be available. We plan to use our normal process for sending out shut-off notices, beginning on July 27th. Payment plans will be offered on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Landers added that payment plans must be signed by the customer. They require that new bills be paid in full each month with arrearages paid on an agreed upon monthly schedule, typically for a maximum of six months.

- State Rt. 588 Slips: We are still awaiting a response from ODOT on potential emergency funding.
- The new charging stations should be operational tomorrow. One of the panels was bad and a replacement had to be ordered. ChargePoint is verifying locational information for on-line maps and customer service.
- As of the end of June, revenues to the General Fund were down by about 5% from last year. We plan a mid-year review of the budget over the next few weeks and will report our status when completed. Ms. Landers went over some of the figures in her newest spreadsheet.

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

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

- \$19,977 from the State Treasurer for three months audit expense. Inv: 5/31/20. PO: 6/17/20.
- \$6,516.76 from Snouffers Fire & Safety for installation of CCTV Equipment. Inv: 5/29/20. PO: 6/17/20.
- \$25,995.55 from Rumpke for May trash service. Inv: 5/20/20. PO: 6/1/20.
- \$5,640 from Moody's of Dayton for Well #6 emergency repairs. Inv: 5/29/20. PO: 6/10/20.
- \$5,264.94 from AEP for street lighting. Inv: 5/29/20. PO: 6/1/20.

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

Mr. Brown informed Commissioners that the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum is getting some more railroad cars. He commended their progress as a great asset to the community. He went down a list of issues which included:

- Overflowing dumpsters and non-enforcement of Codified Ordinance Section 1191.04, which deals with screening of dumpsters
- Trash cans along Second Avenue being used for disposal of trash by businesses and residents living there
- Dirty sidewalks not being maintained by business owners or the City. We used to have a sidewalk sweeper, but perhaps they could be power washed?
- Need to resume talk on annexation along Jackson Pike
- Motorcycles and trucks are speeding along Second Avenue, violating the noise ordinance. Semi-trucks are restricted from traveling on the 800 or 900 blocks of First Avenue. Chief Boyer suggested that some of this traffic might have resulted from confusion of truckers trying to negotiate around Columbia Gas work sites.

Mr. Gallagher asked if we plan to continue remote meetings. Mr. Lozier responded that we will continue as we have been doing. If the State requires masks, we will require them here.

Mr. Sang encouraged the City Manager to continue to pursue an answer from the State on funding for the State Rt. 588 slips.

Mr. Fulks joined the meeting at this point by speaker phone. There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2020-21 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SLUDGE TRUCK**. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. There was

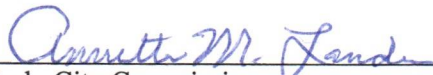
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discussion of whether it would be best to purchase outright or to finance. Mr. Lozier said that this was explored, but it seemed best to purchase outright. The truck should pay for itself in disposal fees saved within three to four years. Ms. Landers reminded Commissioners that \$175,000 was included in the 2020 budget for the purchase. The winning bid was \$116,976.28, which is roughly \$58,000 less than budgeted. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission