

July 17, 2018

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 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  
 Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Brett Boothe, Gallia County Engineer  
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Bradie Angell                      Marvin Ours  
 Michael W. Brown              Jeff Boyer                      Roma Wood  
 Joy Elliott                      Keith Elliott                      Marvin Vanderberg  
 Randy Breech

Commission received the minutes of the July 3, 2018 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

*Privilege of Floor* was granted to Mr. Brett Boothe, Gallia County Engineer. Mr. Boothe talked about grant programs his department is planning and the need for each, including the completion of Farm Road, the Harrisburg interchange, and the gravel road upgrade project. He distributed handouts detailing the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection (Farm Road & Harrisburg Interchange) and the Appalachian Ohio Infrastructure Gateway Project (gravel road upgrade project).

Mr. Boothe is applying for \$56 million in federal grant funds for these projects. Rural projects can receive 100% grant funding, but Mr. Boothe plans to submit his applications with some local match to increase the likelihood of receiving funding. The City will not need to provide any matching funds. There will be public meetings for the Commission and general public to provide input. Mr. Boothe is hoping to hear something about funding by December. He is sending in a cost-benefit analysis and letters of support with the application packets. Mr. Greene provided letters of support from the City. Mr. Boothe plans to go to Washington, DC, to meet in person with our senators, US Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao, and, if it can be arranged, other members of the Trump administration. Mr. Boothe invited representatives from the City to join him.

He asked that Commissioners also consider changing the name of Farm Road to Bob Evans Highway due to the name recognition factor. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to change the name of Farm Road to Bob Evans Highway, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Wallis suggested referring the matter to our legal counsel to figure out how to make the change. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He sent e-mails out concerning the Bandstand Project and the paving project. As part of the paving project, Ohio Avenue will be ground and re-paved, as well as Fourth & part of First.

- The Fire Department, praised as the best in the area, is 75% complete in the driveway repaving project, which they began a couple of weeks ago. They have made 131 runs so far this year, not counting mutual aid or training. They have participated in several community events, including Walmart Safety Day, the River Valley and Fairground tractor pulls, and fire prevention classes and tours.
- The Police Department, described as second to none, made 107 arrests in June and responded to 16 traffic accidents and 133 complaint reports, not counting criminal charges, traffic stops, and court time. They have handled 29 overdoses this year. There are over 80 golf carts registered now. They have cut down on overtime with the addition of a new officer, bringing them up to 11 officers.
- The City Maintenance crew has been busy installing several new water and sewer taps, repairing water leaks in town and in the Spring Valley area. Crews have also been mowing parks and helping with events, including the Hoops Project, which is going on this weekend. This will bring lots of traffic into town.
- The Water Plant generator project is about 75% complete. They are just waiting on the delivery of the new generator.
- Mr. Greene thanked Ms. Jennifer Wilfong of AEP for the donation of a 15 Kw generator for the Sanders Hill water tank to be used in emergencies. AEP has been a big supporter of the City and we are very grateful.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for personnel: Hiring of a public employee.

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

One invoice over \$3,000 was presented for approval of payment:

- \$21,461.25 from Waste Management for June refuse services. Inv: 7/1/18. PO: 7/2/18.

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

Ms. Landers informed Commissioners of upcoming days she would be out of the office.

Mr. Gallagher brought up the issue of a Veterans Day Holiday again. He said that he had received ninety-four responses, only one of which was opposed. Commissioners would like to discuss this more before making any decision.

Mr. Sang introduced the issue of buzzards once again. His father-in-law sent him a video of a rabbit being attacked by a buzzard in his front yard. Mr. Sang would like to see the tree removed on Mill Creek. The City Manager responded that the cost to dispose of the tree would be greatly reduced if we can dispose of the tree right on the property rather than grinding and removing it. There are telephone lines in the tree branches, but the good thing is that the City owns that property.

Mr. Caldwell conveyed thanks from Mr. Robbie Pugh to the City Manager, Mr. Bostic, and city crews for all of their help with the Hoops Project. Mr. Greene added that the new electrical work in the City Park will improve safety for the event.

President Fulks and Mr. Sang praised the police and fire departments for their help with events. President Fulks observed that the First Friday event was very well attended.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2018-21 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE TERM LIFE INSURANCE AND AD&D COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on

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second reading, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2018-22 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE (GASB-34 LOOK-ALIKE STATEMENTS) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019.** Mr. Sang made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel: Hiring of a public employee, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. On roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission