

July 18, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 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
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Randy Breech	Mary Lee Marchi
Claudia Miller	Dottie Chestnut	Bradie Angell
Keith Elliott	Joy Elliott	Jeff Boyer

Commission received the minutes of the June 29 and July 5, 2017 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City Streets & Maintenance Department has been working on streets, potholes, and cleaning the ditching around the GDC area. They have also been busy cleaning up and working with event crews in the park.
- We met with CI Thornburg last week to talk about replacement of our water meters, which are now about ten years old and will need replacing in the next few years. New, smart technology meters are available that allow meters to be read and turned off and on from the office. These new meters cost about \$135 each. We have around 3,000 meters, so the entire project would be on the order of \$500,000. The plan would be to replace a few meters at a time.
- CJ Hughes Company is working on replacing old gas service lines around the City for Columbia Gas.
- The State is replacing the handicapped sidewalk ramps along Pine Street and Second Avenue.
- Mr. Greene and Ms. Angell have been working on the electric aggregation contract for the City's residential and small commercial accounts. Bids were opened last Friday and entered onto a spreadsheet, which was distributed to Commissioners for comparison of the bids. There were four bidders. All four came in lower than our current contract, which expires on October 1st. Regardless of who we choose, the contract will take a few weeks to set up. Mr. Greene highlighted a few features of each offer. Mr. Wallis suggested that the Commission adopt an ordinance allowing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into contract. We could have a first reading at the next Commission meeting.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for personnel matters.

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

Ms. Landers distributed a spreadsheet showing the allocation of the Workers Comp rebate, which was received on July 12th. The total rebate was \$45,221.23. Of this amount, General Fund received \$22,211.64. The Water Fund received \$8,694.08; Sewer received \$7,458.17. Other funds received around \$1,000 or less, depending on their proportionate share of 2015 payroll figures.

Mr. Johnson reported on the weekend's Hoop Project. Around 174 teams played over 450 games in just under 48 hours. There were 95 volunteers and paid helpers. Local football players were hired to keep score and referees were paid. There was medical staff on-hand, along with police. A couple of people needed treatment for heat exhaustion, with one child life-flighted out after receiving an elbow to the forehead on top of heat exhaustion. In a crowd that size and with the activity level in the heat of July, some medical problems can be expected. The medical team was quick to respond and treat those needing their services. All in all, the core group of volunteers are experienced enough from prior years that the event runs very smoothly, though it is also more exhausting as the group ages. Mr. Johnson admitted to still being tired from all of the walking and picking up trash while helping oversee the event. He noted that it takes a lot of disposable plastic water bottles (many of which he personally picked up and disposed of) to keep a group that size hydrated.

Mr. Johnson said he would like to know the economic impact for the business community from all of the out-of-towners staying at the local hotels and eating at our restaurants. The two restaurants that were open downtown always have their best days of the year during this event. Other businesses could benefit by being open and catering to the needs of those coming downtown. There were teams from Cincinnati, Lexington, and North Carolina to name a few. Chief Elliott said he received a telephone call from the Bureau Chief of the State Fire Marshall's Office. He and his family enjoyed attending and wanted to commend the organizers for a well-run event.

According to Mr. Johnson, there were some complaints regarding street closures. The Downtown Revitalization Project (DRP), which sponsors the event, must decide whether the event has outgrown the downtown's capacity to continue holding it here in future. It might be possible to have up to 200 teams in the present location, but already the strain is becoming a problem for some folks. The DRP will be meeting soon to go over the finances of the event once all of the receipts and expenses have been processed. DRP recently helped fund two businesses that are going in at the old Visitor's Center on Court Street.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2017-25 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.15, SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS, (A) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brandeberry asked the City Manager if he wanted to discuss the Amphitheater and City Park Facility Usage forms that were included in the Commission packets. Mr. Greene responded that he wanted to do some more work on them before discussion.

Mr. Greene added that the only complaint that he heard on the Hoops Project was about parking. In discussion, everyone agreed that the new Parkfront needs signage to indicate where parking is not allowed. Some people parked in unmarked areas that caused problems for boaters trying to access the boat launch. This signage will be added in the near future. The new municipal parking lot across from

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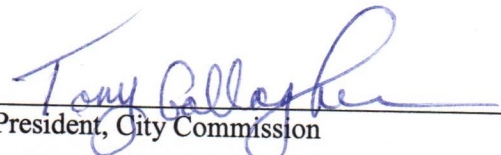
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the City Building was fully utilized, as well as every other parking space (legally marked or otherwise) in the vicinity of the City Park. Mr. Johnson agreed that the number of available parking spaces will enter into the DRP's discussions of a possible change of venue for future events.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon 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 City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission