

August 21, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallipolis Municipal Courtroom on Olive Street, 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  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Mr. Cozza arrived late, after roll call was taken.

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Stephanie Carroll, Gallia Hometown Herald  
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Brent Saunders                      Marvin Vanderberg                      Joy Elliott  
 Keith Elliott                              Claudia Miller                              Tony Gallagher  
 Marvin Ours

Commission received the minutes of the August 7, 2012 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 – The engineer’s cost estimate was \$832,000. It is being submitted to FEMA for approval. The Ohio EMA has endorsed our appeal of funding for the temporary road. It may take several months to hear whether FEMA will approve funding based on the appeal.
- Elm Alley – We are still waiting for AEP to do their portion. AEP has all of their easements now.
- WPC Plant Upgrade – Mr. Finney attended the meeting with OWDA in Columbus to talk about funding. Rural Water and RCAP were also represented. They provided many ideas and sources for funding. Mr. Finney sent out a loan application today to OWDA for funding for engineering.
- Justice Center – The contractor is still working on the front of the building, finishing the railing and the handicapped parking. A contract has been signed with Horizon for telephone service, but this work has been delayed. It may take an additional two weeks to move into the building.
- Administration Building – Hoon has begun with the excavation, filling, and compacting of the soil. We are looking at a February completion date.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> storm damage – Mr. Finney has collected data on the storm damage, which can be submitted to FEMA for credit if they get funding.
- Thomas Clothiers Building – It will be necessary to replace some brick at an estimated cost of \$18,000. This work will take two or three weeks to complete.
- Geese in the Park – The ODNR recommended using a “goose fence” along the river bank to keep the geese from landing in the water and walking onto shore. A fence has been installed and seems to be working well at discouraging the geese from coming ashore at the park.

- City Park Yard Sale – There was a good turn-out of vendors and shoppers.
- Demolition list – Mr. Finney asked the Commission to discuss the list of possible demolitions to decide which properties to pursue first.
- Electric Aggregation – A letter will be going out to residents soon, explaining our electric aggregation program.
- Performance Audit – The auditors will be having a closed-door meeting with the Commission on the draft of the performance audit. Mr. Finney asked if they wanted to have the appointed officials there or meet with just the Commission and the auditors. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners indicated that they wished to have the appointed officials attend.

The City Auditor presented a list of delinquent inactive water/sewer/sanitation accounts to the Commission for approval to submit to the County Auditor. There was a brief discussion of some of the accounts on the list, as well as efforts made to collect. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the list for submission to the County Auditor to include as a special assessment against property taxes, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers informed the Commissioners that the second half property tax receipts had come in too late on Friday to include a report in the Commission packets. She provided numbers for General Fund, Fire Levy, and TIF receipts. Code Enforcement and Utility special assessments brought in a small amount each. The full report will be included in the next Commission packet.

The City Solicitor told the Commissioners that he has filed several criminal complaints of first degree theft for utility tampering. He said that he anticipates filing more of these in the future. He has also filed multiple code enforcement complaints, with more in process.

Mr. Cozza asked if the budget plan applies to those participating in electric aggregation. He was told that it does not.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2012-61 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES**. Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt this Ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney explained the arrangements in the agreement. 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. O2012-62 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2012-44, CHAPTER 377.02, INSPECTION OF GOLF CARTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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. O2012-63 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2012-59, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MINTAKA FINANCIAL FOR THE LEASE OF AN ALLCOM LLC (BSB LEASING) IP PHONE SYSTEM WITH ATTACHMENTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR GALLIPOLIS JUSTICE CENTER OFFICES**. 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.



There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2012-64 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL, DRUG AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this Ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Finney told the Commissioners that the monthly premiums went up less than one dollar per month for each plan. He is still having the Wiseman Agency look for lower quotes. If we get a better offer, we can change providers in mid-year. 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. O2012-65 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE TERM LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this Ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Mr. Finney stated that these premiums have not gone up. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

The Commission spent a few minutes discussing the demolition list. During discussion, Mr. Cozza mentioned that some of the demolitions might be put against the property owner's taxes. Mr. Finney said that those done under the grant could not go against taxes. Ms. Landers pointed out that the General Fund does not have enough surplus cash to front the money for demolition, especially since we may not be reimbursed for years, if ever. They decided to begin the process first with 300 State Street, 11 Glendale, 612 First, 835 Third, and 19 Vine. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve this list, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, 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