

August 22, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 5:00 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. President Gallagher welcomed City Commission candidate, Mr. Beau Sang, to tonight's meeting. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President  
Steven E. Wallis, Member

Due to lack of quorum, President Gallagher went straight to Privilege of Floor.

Other members arrived between 5:05 and 5:11 p.m.:

Roger P. Brandeberry, Member  
W. Matthew Johnson, Member  
Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Mary Lee Marchi	Roma Wood
Claudia Miller	Dottie Chestnut	Bradie Angell
Jeff Boyer	Chris Bailey	James W. Roush
Marvin Ours	Beau Sang	Keith Elliott

Mr. Chris Bailey of AEP Energy's Columbus office was granted *Privilege of Floor* to speak on the new electrical energy aggregation contract. Mr. Bailey explained that AEP Energy won the aggregation bid, offering a significant decrease of 2.1 cents per kwh, going from the current 7.2 to 5.1 cents per kwh. This will translate to around \$250 savings per year on an average bill. This is a three-year rate. The decrease for city government accounts should yield around \$32,000/year in savings. There is no exit fee for those wishing to opt out mid-contract. Letters went out yesterday to all residents currently signed up for the program. Residents have a three-week window to opt out, if they desire. AEP Energy will also be filing all regulatory reports with PUCO. Mr. Bailey spent a few minutes answering questions from the audience on how the process will go for residents. The bottom line is that unless a resident currently on the program opts out, that resident will be signed up for the new service. Mr. Greene explained that the City did a scoring chart of bids for the contract and AEP Energy came out best not only for their low cost, but also for their excellent customer and community service. The Commissioners and City Manager thanked Mr. Bailey and AEP Energy for the excellent service they are providing.

Two more Commissioners having arrived to provide the needed quorum, President Gallagher directed the agenda to the approval of the minutes. Commission received the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved. President Gallagher confirmed that neither Ms. Liza Daniels nor Ms. Karen McCarty were present for *Privilege of Floor*. Therefore, he proceeded to Reports of City Officials.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City Maintenance Department has been working with the electrical contractor on the City Park Electrical Project.
- Columbia Gas has started another phase of their project to replace service lines in the City. You will likely notice their crews working.
- The car show in the park over the weekend went very well with over 200 cars shown. It was very well attended and cleaned up afterward.
- The drinking water fountain near the Doughboy memorial is working again.
- The Planning Commission met August 7<sup>th</sup> with Choices Treatment Program to discuss their plans for a facility in town. The board asked them to submit background information, but nothing has been received so far.
- GDC is ready to go forward with their tie-in to the City's water system. There will be a meeting with them on August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the project.
- Commissioner Matt Johnson e-mailed about a tie-in between the City and county's water systems (Gallia County Rural Water). This tie-in was discussed most recently following our water line break at Chickamauga Creek, but nothing ever came of it. Mr. Greene asked for the Commission's backing before proceeding with any discussions to re-open the matter. Mr. Wallis voiced his support for the project. There was discussion of two tie-in locations, one near the Silver Bridge Plaza and one in the McCormick Road vicinity. The cost is not expected to be very high, but establishing the tie-ins would show good faith to the State in resolving the risk to public safety which could arise from another major break in our water system, an issue that has us on the EPA's "watch list." Ms. Angell said that there had been issues in the past over who would pay for what. Chief Elliott stated that such a connection would help the Fire Department's ISO rating, which affects the cost of property insurance for our residents. Mr. Wallis emphasized that the cost for the project would involve enterprise fund money, not General Fund dollars, which we all know are very tight. Ms. Landers pointed out that another advantage to delaying to now is that the Water Fund has now had time to build up a reserve of money since pay-off of the loan for the Ameresco Project. All of the Commissioners expressed their support to go ahead with this project.
- Mr. Walter Arthur has volunteered to serve on the Fire Department. Mr. Greene has met with him and feels he would be a great help to the Department, especially since he works nights and would be available for day runs. Chief Elliott has interviewed him and the department's investigative committee has recommended him for service. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve his appointment, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- We are losing an operator at our WPC Plant. He is leaving for a higher-paying job with Pomeroy. We will be hiring a replacement to train as an operator.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for pending legal matters.

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

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

- \$19,749.16 from OVB for Fire station bond. Inv: 7/13/17. PO: 8/1/17
- \$4,598.78 from Walter Drane Co. for Codified Ord. update. Inv.: 7/31/17. PO: 8/2/17

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

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Ms. Landers presented a list of water/sewer special assessments to certify to the County Auditor. She said that there was a legal issue related to these that she wished to discuss in Executive Session. The authority to place special assessments already resides with the City Auditor, so there is no need to delay approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the list of special assessments, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending legal matters.

Mr. Johnson said he had heard that the yard sale went very well. Some people have asked that we have these twice per year. Mr. Greene replied that they are looking into that idea. He praised the work that Mr. Bostic does behind the scenes, highlighting some of his activities from a list given to the Commissioners. There will be some ordinances presented in the future to stiffen fines for code violations.

Mr. Fulks commended the work being done on the railroad museum on Third Avenue. Everyone agreed that it is looking very good.


There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-28 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes. Ms. Landers offered to update the Commissioners' books for them if they will drop them by her office.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-29 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-07, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-14, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-23, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Mr. Fulks 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. O2017-30 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-22, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes. Ms. Landers offered to go over any of the changes Commissioners might have questions about.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. The Chief of Police was asked to remain for executive session. 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