

August 23, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 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 and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
 Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Bev Dunkle	Kim Canaday
Marvin Vanderberg	Jim Roush	Randy Breech
Mary Lee Marchi	Janet Johnson	Bill Gene Johnson

Commission received the corrected minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting and the August 2, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. Ms. Landers said that she had missed putting the executive session in the July 19th minutes. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Bev Dunkle, representing the Gallipolis in Bloom Committee, was granted *Privilege of Floor*. Ms. Dunkle spoke about the awards that Gallipolis is in the running for at this year's symposium, as well as awards won in past years. Kim Canaday has been nominated for "Community Champion." We have also received nominations for Community Involvement and Heritage. She spoke glowingly of the attendance at this year's events, which impressed the judges with our community's involvement. The judges praised our floral displays as excellent and suggested that we concentrate in future on other areas such as Urban Forestry and Environmental.

This year's symposium is in California, which requires around \$2,500 in travel expense for Ms. Dunkle and Ms. Canaday. In the past, the City has assisted with this cost. Ms. Dunkle thanked the Commissioners for their support and asked that they allocate funding for this year's travel expenses. In discussion, the Commissioners all agreed that the ladies deserve to go to the symposium and that it greatly benefits the City, but with the City's budget problems this year, there is simply no money available for this. The Gallipolis in Bloom Committee has some money in their treasury, but it was solicited for the purpose of beautifying the City and cannot be used for travel expenses. Mr. Greene generously offered to personally donate \$500 for this purpose. The ladies were encouraged not to give up, but to contact other businesses and individuals to see if they can raise the funds that way. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson both spoke up to encourage them to do so.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Pullins Excavating began work yesterday (8/22/16) on the Park Front Improvements Project. They plan to move the excess dirt to Spruce Street Extension for future road fill, as approved by the City Commission at the last meeting.

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- The tree on the Riverfront on First Avenue has been removed. It was indeed infested by rodents and bad in the center.
- The Gallipolis Pool closed for the season on Sunday evening. The fire department will be using it for water rescue training and then it will be prepped for winter. Receipts this year were around \$6,000 higher than last year. Mr. Greene said that he had used volunteers on a limited basis this year (such as for the morning swim program) and may consider expanding the program next year if interest is sufficient.
- Regarding the recent \$150,000 Capital Improvement award that the City received for work in the City Park, the City is seeking contractors' estimates for repairs to the bandstand and the Kerr Monument to send to ODNR for approval.
- City crews have been working to get the areas around guardrails and roadsides mowed for the fall while seasonal workers are still available.
- EPA requires that the City haul away the build-up of lime at the Water Treatment Facility. During budget sessions, the Commission approved the \$30,000 estimated to haul away around 500 to 600 tons of the material that has accumulated over several years. After negotiating with a local contractor, we were able to get a quote of \$10,000, saving the Water Fund \$20,000. In future, we need to dispose of lime annually to keep from accumulating such a large amount.
- On September 1st, The State will begin sending out absentee ballots to voters. Ballots will be accepted from October 11th to the 16th. Mr. Greene asked the Commissioners to set a date and time for a public meeting on the Police Levy. After a short discussion, they agreed on 5 p.m. on September 20th.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for pending lawsuits.

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

Ms. Landers reported on the second half distribution of property taxes received from the County Auditor. She provided copies of spreadsheets showing amounts received as well as special assessments remaining outstanding after the second half distribution. The ones approved for placement this year will be submitted to the County Auditor's office by August 31st. They are due by September 12th.

Because of the much shortened construction period anticipated for the combined Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the Riverfront Improvements Project, it is necessary to re-work the Bond Anticipation Note that the City secured from OVB in March of 2015. The wording on that BAN allowed the City to have up to \$200,000 outstanding at any given time, which was fine for a project expected to take up to a year for completion. Now that the project is compressed to an expected 90-day timeframe, it is not possible to pay the contractor in a timely manner and receive funding back from the ODNR Grants in time to turn around for the next draw. The draw for the concrete work alone is expected to be around \$400,000. OVB is agreeable to the changes, but we will need to involve our bond counsel, Mr. Dennis Schwallie, for the paperwork. Ms. Landers polled to Commissioners to assure that everyone can be present at the September 20th meeting to adopt the legislation as an emergency. She had no quote for the cost for bond counsel, but estimated it at \$2,000 or less.

The City Solicitor requested executive session for pending lawsuits. He reported that he had turned in the necessary paperwork to the Division of Liquor Control to allow them to begin issuing liquor permits in our Downtown Revitalization District, which the City Commission established and the voters approved in the March Primary. Because the district exceeds 75 acres of land, we will be allowed up to fifteen of the special liquor permits, the maximum number allowed for such districts.

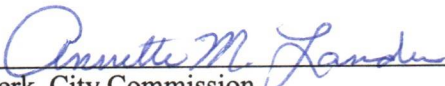
Mr. Salisbury also reported that work is going forward on acquisition of the Last Chance Carryout through eminent domain. He has most recently been obtaining sign-off of all interested parties to the property.

Mr. Fulks announced that Kentucky Fried Chicken is honoring law enforcement officers by offering free meals to officers in uniform. All of the Commissioners agreed that this was a very generous and commendable way to show their support of law enforcement. President Gallagher added that the new Speedway has offered free coffee at any time for uniformed officers.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2016-35 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM**. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2016-39 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending lawsuits, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. 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