

September 4, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 7:20 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. He announced that the City Solicitor would not be present due to illness.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

James Jay Cremeens, President
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Michael W. Brown, Member
 James A. Cozza, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Marvin Vanderberg Joy Elliott Keith Elliott
 Claudia Miller Ronnie Lynch Dottie Chestnut
 Clint Patterson

Commission received the minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- FEMA meeting – There was a meeting on the June 29th storm damage at the 911 Center today at 2 p.m. The agenda has been amended to include a resolution designating the City Manager as the Authorized Agent for the City. FEMA/OEMA representatives will be back in about two weeks to begin damage assessments.
- Mound Hill Road – The \$832,000 estimate is in review with FEMA. The project is on hold until approved.
- Elm Alley – AEP installed the electric last Thursday morning.
- Justice Center – The contractor is cleaning up odds and ends. The soil in back is spongy and needs to be dug out two feet deep and the soil replaced, which will be an additional cost. The inside of the building is looking good. The week of the 24th is set for move in.
- Administration Building – Hoon is laying out the footers this week.
- Thomas Clothiers Building – It will take about three to four weeks to complete the work.
- OVRDC meeting – There will be a dinner at 6 p.m. on September 27th at the OVRDC meeting in Vinton County. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

The City Auditor presented the following donations for acceptance by the City Commission:

- \$500 from Mr. Richard Roderick for the City parks
 - \$3,000 from the Gallipolis Retail Merchants to the Police Special Equipment Fund
- Mr. Wallis made a motion to accept these donations, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on this motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers presented eight invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- Three invoices from the Gallia County Sheriff for March, April, and May Housing at the Work Release Center and County Jail totaling \$21,705
- \$18,361.98 from Waste Management for June Refuse pick-up
- \$19,749.16 from Ohio Valley Bank for Fire Station Bond payment
- \$18,000 from Mount's Tree Service for debris clean-up
- \$3,490 from Supreme Asphalt for 800 block of First Avenue
- \$52,744.97 from Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp for 55% Workers Comp premium

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

Mr. Wallis asked if the new lift station on Elm Alley would allow proper drainage. Mr. Finney answered that it would.

Mr. Brown said that he met with Ms. Phyllis Rowland to discuss some issues of concern to her. She said that the weeds need to be mowed in a field between Cruzet and Berger, owned by Mr. Robbie Jenkins. Mr. Wallis added that the old MT Epling property north of McDonalds also needs cutting. The City Manager responded that field cutting could be a problem, as Code does not currently address other than residential properties. If the City takes on the extra expense of keeping fields mowed, it will greatly increase the budget for BOCA Clean-up.

Ms. Rowland also mentioned that an old concrete truck has been parked in the field for years. She said that they have been waiting for a lift station on Cruzet for many years. The City Manager answered that he had to give up on the engineer that the City hired to design the lift station because he kept dragging his feet on the project. The City needs to hire a new engineer for the project.

Other problems mentioned were signs on the telephone poles at Smokin' Robs and several lights out at the Haskins Park tennis courts.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the Ohio River Live Concert, scheduled for Saturday, September 8th. It will have more regional talent participating with the bands Open Rail and StillWater. It will also feature Elizabeth Cook, Matt King, Bill Hawks, and Joe Simms. Admission has been reduced to \$10.

Mr. Cozza told the other Commissioners that the Huntington Veterans Administration office has announced that the local VA Clinic will be open four days per week. September 21st is National POW-MIA Day. There is traditionally a ceremony in the City Park. They would like to have their ceremony at 10 a.m., with the Commission's approval. All were in agreement with this.

Mr. Johnson announced that NYBBLE Café will have their Grand Opening on September 20th at noon.

Mr. Brown mentioned recent vandalism at Canaday Park. The City Manager said that the police are responding to the problem by making more runs to the park at night.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2012-21 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO REQUEST BIDS TO FINANCE THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF TYMCO STREET SWEEPER AND TWO CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCKS WITH UTILITY BEDS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this Resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Mr. Finney told the Commissioners

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that the street sweeper is two years old and that the trucks are for the water and sewer departments (one each). Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2012-22 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, TO OBTAIN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FEMA-DR-4077-OH.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this Resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, 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