

September 6, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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. Mr. Wallis 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  
 Steven E. Wallis, 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                      Carol Cremeans                      Marvin Vanderberg  
 Randy Breech                      Jeff Boyer                              Keith Elliott  
 Jon Lynch

Commission received the minutes of the August 23, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Wallis asked for clarification concerning the reference to Mr. & Mrs. Johnson at the bottom of the first page. Ms. Landers explained that this was Mr. & Mrs. *Gene* Johnson. She offered to add the word *Gene* for clarity. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Carol Cremeans was invited to speak for *Privilege of Floor*. Last weekend, Ms. Cremeans was attacked, knocked to the ground, and bitten by a wolf-dog at the Pow Wow in the City Park. The animal is owned by one of the participants and was improperly restrained on a long leash or tether. She had to be dragged to safety by a friend, as no other people in the crowd responded to her screams. However, she praised the police for their response after the attack. She reported that there were two other aggressive dogs at the Pow Wow, also owned by participants. She was concerned that a child could have been injured much worse than she was. She wanted to know what laws the city has on the books regarding vicious animals. Mr. Salisbury informed her that the city has a leash law, which limits the length of the leash or tether to not more than six feet. In addition, there is a vicious dog ordinance, which requires that the dog has demonstrated vicious behavior in the past, and a "pit bull" ordinance that is a breed-specific ban. In cases of violation, the "criminal actor" is responsible. Mr. Greene added that the event sponsor had signed the standard contract with the City, assuming liability and holding the City harmless.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The park front project is moving along well. Because of the good weather and the speed of the contractor, the entrance will need to be closed down sooner than anticipated. The dirt for the new ramp will need to come from a mix utilizing soil from under the original ramp. Mr. Brandeberry recommended installing signage warning of the dates that the ramp will be closed. Mr. Wallis suggested announcing it in the newspaper, as well.

- The City Park is going to be patrolled more closely due to an increase of troublesome activity after dark. In light of what occurred over the weekend, it is obvious that the guidelines for usage of the parks must be enforced more stringently. Among other things, this means that all paperwork must be completed prior to an event and no cars or trucks can be on the park grounds without the permission of the City.
- Lime removal at the Water Treatment Plant, mandated by the EPA, is about 50% complete.
- The WPC Plant upgrade is about 87% - 90% complete now.
- Police officers are still on the road doing transport of prisoners for too many hours per week. The trip to the jail facility in Morrow County takes three hours each way, plus another 2 hours for processing. One such trip almost totally consumes a shift for an officer. Mr. Wallis and President Gallagher emphasized that this is one reason why the City needs the police levy to fund an increase in police staffing to accommodate the workload. Mr. Brandeberry added that this demonstrates even more our need to construct a jail. Similar projects have proven profitable for other municipalities.
- There will be a public hearing on the Police Levy on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 5 p.m., with the Commission meeting following at 6 p.m. There will be a Power Point presentation and handouts for those attending. Emphasis will be made on the fact that those on fixed income, such as Social Security, retirement, or a pension, will not pay the tax. President Gallagher said that fliers were given out at the events in the park over the weekend, but it seemed that most people attending were not residents. We need to make an effort to place them door-to-door. Chief Boyer said that officers have offered to do this during their off-duty hours.

The City Auditor informed the Commissioners that the cost of our bond counsel for the work on the amendment for the financing of the Riverfront Project will cost only \$350. The paperwork will be here for the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioners again confirmed their intention to be present for that meeting's emergency legislation.

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

- \$19,885.90 from CT Consultants for WPCF Upgrade. Invoice: 6-9-16. PO: 8-16-16
- \$19,749.16 from OVB for Fire Station Bond pmt. Invoice: 7-5-16. PO: 8-1-16
- \$13,823.17 from Dollar Bank for Backhoe payoff. Invoice: 7-13-16. PO: 7-20-16
- \$29,273.71 from CT Consultants for WPCF Upgrade. Invoice: 7-20-16. PO: 8-16-16
- \$17,500.20 from Ohio BWC for 2<sup>nd</sup> half premium. Invoice: 7-29-16. PO: 8-5-16
- \$3,694 from Lexipol for LE Policy Manual on-line. Invoice: 8-1-16. PO: 8-15-16
- \$23,430 from EL Robinson for Riverfront Project. Invoice: 2-26-16. PO: 9-6-16
- \$176,355.54 from Pullins Excavating for Riverfront Project. Invoice: 8-30-16. PO: 9-6-16

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

Ms. Landers said that when the ladies came in to go over our VSP vision insurance plan, they said that our Commissioners would be eligible for coverage under their policy plan. The cost per month for a single plan is \$13.41. For the family plan, it costs \$30.34. Rates are in effect for two years, beginning 9/1/16. Mr. Wallis questioned whether Commissioners would be allowed by law to sign up for coverage. Mr. Salisbury said that he would look into the matter and let them know.

The City Solicitor told the Commissioners about two jury trials coming up that they might find interesting. The first is on September 27<sup>th</sup> involving Angel Vance on charges arising from the rescue and disposal of horses. This trial is expected to last three days. The second is on October 20<sup>th</sup> involving the landslip on Chillicothe Road. It will be heard in the Pike County Court of Appeals.

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Mr. Salisbury also reported that the deadline has passed for responses to our acquisition through eminent domain of the Last Chance Carryout.

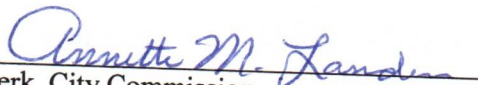
Mr. Fulks suggested that the City Commissioners join the County Commissioners in opposing the loss of thirty-two more jobs at Gallipolis Developmental Center. Ms. Landers will contact the County Commission for a copy of their letter to use as a guide in preparing one for the Commissioners to sign.

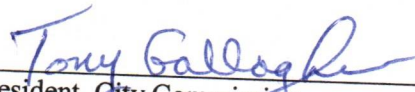
President Gallagher informed the Commissioners of an upcoming bus trip to the Columbus State House, arranged by Representative Ryan Smith. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21st from the Chamber office. Those wishing to attend can RSVP to the Chamber. This would be a good opportunity to speak to legislators about GDC.

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

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-40 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. 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 being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

  
 Clerk, City Commission

  
 President, City Commission