

September 18, 2012

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, September 18, 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  
 James A. Cozza, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

Randall J. Finney, City Manager  
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Amber Gillenwater, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Marvin Vanderberg      Joy Elliott      Keith Elliott  
 Nancy Vanderberg      Ronnie Lynch      Tony Gallagher  
 Clint Patterson      Bette Null Horan      Polly Wetherholt

Commission received the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The Gallipolis Neighborhood Watch group was granted *Privilege of Floor*. Mr. Tony Gallagher spoke on behalf of the group, which also included Mr. & Mrs. Vanderberg, Mrs. Wetherholt, and Mrs. Horan. They presented the Commission with a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol on August 23, 2012. At the urging of the Neighborhood Watch group, Senator Sherrod Brown had requested that the flag be flown for the City of Gallipolis. President Cremeens accepted the flag and expressed the Commission's appreciation of the efforts made by the Neighborhood Watch group to ensure the safety of our residents.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- FEMA – We are still waiting for a response on the Mound Hill roads, both for the new cost estimate for repair of the old road and for the appeal for funding on the temporary access road.
- Elm Alley – The project is totally complete except for seeding of grass and the removal of a pole, which possibly were done today.
- Justice Center – The construction is done except for some blacktop in the front and back of the building. In the next few days, they will do a walk through of the project with a punch list. The date for moving in is set for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Frontier has not done the work on the telephones, which may cause a delay in the move.
- Administration Building – Hoon poured the floor on Saturday. They have set a new date for completion of January 23, 2013.
- Thomas Clothiers Building – Mr. Finney requested executive session for legal matters pertaining to the demolition.

- Code Enforcement's demolition list – The City Manager has received a request from Lynn Angell that her property at 813 Third Avenue be added to the list for grant funding. She says that she is preparing to sell the property and does not have the money readily available to demolish the structure. Following a short discussion, the Commission was not willing to add this property to the list at this time.
- The City Manager contacted ODOT recently concerning the timing of the signal light near Gallia Academy Middle School. During their discussion, ODOT expressed an interest in conducting a village-wide survey of traffic light timing.
- The AIB Symposium will be held this weekend. Mr. Finney, Ms. Saxon, Ms. Dunkle, and Ms. Canaday will be attending, as approved at a prior meeting.
- On Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the City Manager will be attending a hazard mitigation meeting in Ironton. On Wednesday, he will attend an OVRDC meeting in Piketon. On Thursday evening, he will attend the OVRDC meeting and banquet in Vinton County, which was announced at the last meeting.
- McDonalds had their grand opening today at 10 a.m. President Cremeens, Mr. Finney, Mr. Cozza, and Chief Patterson attended.
- Buffalo Wild Wings is set to open on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- NYBBLE Café's grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Finney will not be able to attend because of travel to the AIB Symposium that day. Mr. Cozza said that he would try to make it.
- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Queen of the Mississippi riverboat will be stopping in Gallipolis on its cruise of the Ohio River. This is a new 150 passenger riverboat recently launched for the inland river market.
- Mr. Finney reported that the property issues brought up at the prior Commission meeting have all been addressed and the violators contacted. The issue at 640 Fourth will be going to trial soon.

The City Auditor presented a TRES transfer of liquor license request from Backroads, Inc, Crown City, to Tuscany Cuccini, Inc. The Commission has already sent a letter endorsing the transfer, but this is to request or waive a hearing. Mr. Johnson made a motion to not request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on this motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers presented the August Financial Statement for approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve the August Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote to approve the August Financial Statement, all votes were yes.

Commissioners were asked to provide a copy of their business cards for the City Manager's secretary to keep on file as a template. Her earlier templates were recently inadvertently deleted.

Ms. Landers reminded the Commissioners that they need to send a response to the performance audit. There was some discussion of whether to send one combined response or to send individual responses. Mr. Cozza had not received his sample response letters. Mr. Finney sent an e-mail with the sample responses from his laptop during the meeting. President Cremeens asked the City Solicitor to look into whether the Commission could meet to formulate this response in an executive session.

The City Solicitor reported that Code Enforcement prosecutions continue. Several cases that were filed in June and July are now going to trial. Some are still in the pre-trial stage. The lawsuit on the house slip on Chillicothe Road has been dismissed due to a technical deficiency.

Mr. Johnson announced that he is back on day shift, which will allow him to attend meetings. He spoke of several of the downtown activities, including Ohio River Live (perfect weather/really good

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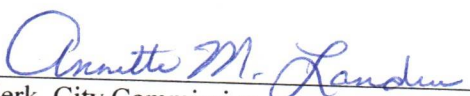
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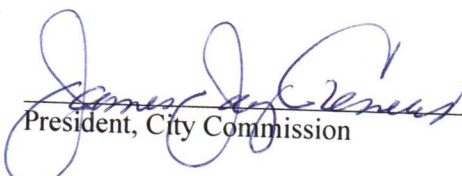
turnout, with many coming from out of state), Chilifest on October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Park (He's competing in the contest with his own recipe, which includes beans and Bob Evans Sausage.), and the Queen of the Mississippi stop. He mentioned that Gallipolis was recently selected as an Ohio Best Hometown. Tourism and excitement are up all over Gallipolis.

With Mr. Brown not present this evening to adopt the ordinances on tonight's agenda as emergencies, the Commission discussed having a special meeting before the end of the month. They tentatively set the meeting for September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m., at the Visitor's Center. Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the ordinances on tonight's agenda, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matter as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote 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