

September 19, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 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
 Roger P. Brandeberry, Member
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member
 Steven E. Wallis, Member

Others attending were:

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| 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 | Randy Breech |
| Claudia Miller | Dottie Chestnut | Russell Wood | Susan Jennings |
| Cody Caldwell | Bradie Angell | Allen Wood | Ron Warner |
| M. Lou Morrison | Keith Elliott | Joy Elliott | Diana Love |
| Rodd Young | Forrest Ramey | Sue Ramey | Jim Love |
| Karen McCarty | Donna Goble | Gordon Goble | |

Commission received the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Wallis asked that the minutes be corrected to clarify that Mr. Fulks did not present a form, but just spoke about it at the last meeting. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He and Brett Boothe, the Gallia County Engineer, recently went to Marietta to meet with the State on safety projects and grants. The State has agreed to come to the City and look at Spruce Street Extension and Airport Road for possible funding of these projects.
- The City Park Electrical Upgrade should be finished this week. They are seeding and laying down straw.
- He and Mr. Bret Bolin of Gallia County Rural Water went to Athens last Thursday to attend a Mayor's meeting on public water and EPA standards. They also have a meeting set up this week to discuss the tie-in of the city and county water systems.
- Mr. Greene passed around a door hanger that the City plans to use to inform the public of rules for trash service. The reverse side has a check list for Code Enforcement to identify items in violation that need attention, such as upholstered items not properly enclosed in plastic, yard waste not bagged, tree trimmings not bundled and cut to four feet or less, and so forth. This should help educate and inform the residents prior to any citations. Ms. Karen McCarty asked if the City could save money by just putting this information in the newspaper or on the website. We have used these venues for information before, but wanted to assure that all residents receive the information by using the door hangers. There is not enough room on the bills to put the information on them. It is also impractical to include an insert because we use an outside billing service.

- We met with the State today about taking over GDC's water line. It seems that everyone from the State is now on board. The next step is for the State to obtain right of ways from property owners, such as the golf course and the school, to replace all of the main water lines in that area.
- Property owners are beginning to tie-in to the County's new sewer line along SR 141. This is in response to 90 day notices requiring tie-in that the County recently sent out. The City should begin seeing revenue from this project in the next month or so.
- Last Monday, the Utility Billing Department began instituting a new policy to put all service in the property owners' names. This will save the City considerable effort and lost revenue from renters moving and leaving the City with unpaid bills. Ms. Roma Wood asked if the City will send bills to the renter, too. Mr. Greene said that we are working with our software provider to try to get this set up. Mr. Russell Wood asked if we would refuse to turn service on for new renters until the old bill is paid. Mr. Greene said that the service will be in the property owner's name, so as far as we are concerned, we are serving the same customer. After some back and forth discussion on this, Mr. Wood said he thought this was not legal.

The City Auditor asked the Commissioners their thoughts on the resolution the County sent for us to enact the same distribution formula for local government funding as we have used since the City became a village. The townships use a formula that divides a portion of their distribution equally and a portion according to population and road mileage. The villages' formula calls for equal distribution to all six villages regardless of population or any other considerations. Mr. Wallis endorsed the idea of re-visiting the formula, saying he never understood why the villages did not do something similar to what the townships enacted. The other Commissioners indicated interest in pursuing the matter with the County and other villages. Ms. Landers asked Mr. Salisbury if he could advise how we should approach the issue with the County. He said that he would like to help with the process.

Ms. Landers went over the appropriation changes on tonight's agenda. The City Park Tree Fund is increasing appropriations for memorial bricks by \$500 and for capital items by \$35 to cover all of the cost of the table and bench. The CCA Grant Fund has been decreased by \$7,133.53 for lower grant receipts for the new grant period beginning July 1st. Unclaimed funds needed an additional appropriation of \$4,000 to cover a large uncashed check that is now being claimed. Some of these items must be in place for the end of the month. Commissioners decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, September 25th, at 5 p.m. just for this legislation. Ms. Landers will contact Mr. Fulks about the date and time.

Mr. Johnson said that the Fire Department will be having a Bingo Fundraiser on the afternoon of Saturday, October 21st. Chief Elliott explained that this is their major fundraiser for money to buy equipment. After some discussion of sponsoring the event, which included asking if the City had funds for this, Mr. Johnson made a motion to contribute a \$500 sponsorship, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Ms. Landers said she would add this item to the appropriations ordinance.

Mr. Johnson also spoke briefly on the River Rat Festival, coming up this weekend. They have pre-sold 880 tickets and it looks like the weather will be good, though hot, for the event. President Gallagher mentioned that there is a preacher planning an event in the amphitheater at the same time.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2017-31 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.06 "LIABILITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF SAME.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2017-32 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 351.17 "OVERSIGHT CAMPING PROHIBITED ON CITY STREETS AND CITY PARKING AREAS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2017-33 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.11 "LIABILITY FOR SERVICE; DELINQUENCY; EXEMPTION" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Commission discussed the need to change Ordinance No. O2017-34, on the agenda as an emergency, to a first reading. Ms. Landers requested that it just be dropped from the agenda due to the need to amend it for some items that need to be added. Mr. Wallis urged that it be placed on first reading and amended at the next meeting to adopt as an emergency.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2017-34 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-22, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-30, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Karen McCarty asked to speak. She thanked everyone for their support of the BBQ Festival held last weekend in the City Park.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission