

September 20, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, September 20, 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
 Bud Hunt, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Mary Lee Marchi Marvin Vanderberg
 Jon Lynch Jeff Boyer Nancy Vanderberg
 Joy Elliott Keith Elliott

Commission received the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The park front project is moving along well. The contractor is ahead of schedule, working safely, and looks likely to meet their estimated completion by Thanksgiving.
- Due to the recent dog bite at the event in the park, the City is now requiring proof of insurance for those renting the park. It is no longer sufficient just to check a box stating that they have insurance.
- GDC has hired an engineering firm, Advance Engineering (Greg Leitch), to help with the change-over to City water.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session to discuss buying and selling of property and pending lawsuits.

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

Ms. Landers distributed a letter to Governor Kasich in support of GDC for the Commissioners to sign. This letter will be copied to Senate President Faber, House Speaker Rosenberger, Senator Peterson, and Representative Smith.

Lastly, Ms. Landers read the Certification of Maximum Maturity of Bonds, certifying maximum useful life of the Riverfront Improvements Project as at least five years and maximum maturity of bonds as 20 years, with provision to deduct time in excess of five years from date of original issue from maximum 20 year maturity. This certificate superseded the one dated March 30, 2015.

The City Solicitor reminded Commissioners of the two jury trials that he had mentioned at the last meeting. The first is on September 27th 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 20th involving the landslip on Chillicothe Road. It will be heard in the Pike County Court of Appeals. Seven OVI drug-related cases were resolved on Monday.

Mr. Salisbury requested executive session for four legal items.

Mr. Johnson reported that at the Downtown Revitalization District Meeting last night they discussed the problem of finding usable business locations in the district. There are many buildings available, but the cost of rehabilitating them is prohibitively expensive. The group has requested a roundtable discussion involving all interested parties to discuss ways to make commercial rental spaces more attractive and responsive to the needs of those desiring to open businesses. Mr. Salisbury said that the periodic Code Enforcement meetings often look at how other communities deal with this issue. In an effort to encourage property owners to rent out their vacant properties, some have enacted penalties on vacant properties that double each year up to five years. Ms. Landers asked if the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio still provides funds to start new businesses like they did when the Digital River Project was active in town. Mr. Johnson said that their group is looking into this possibility.

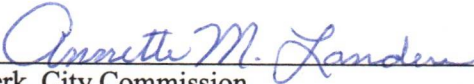
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-41 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2015-21 PASSED MARCH 31, 2015 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECENT GRANTS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FROM \$200,000 TO \$750,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-42 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND FUND CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 WITH MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CO. INC FOR MODIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-43 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-12, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-18, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-34, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-36, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Ms. Landers went through the spreadsheet of changes. She said that most of the changes in the General Fund were to reduce lines to free up additional money for Housing of Prisoners. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2016-44 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-19, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-25, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-37, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal/pending lawsuits and buying and selling of property, 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