

October 1, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, 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  
Michael W. Brown, Member  
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  
Stephanie Filson, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
Michelle Miller, Gallia Hometown Herald  
Tony Gallagher                      Joy Elliott                      Keith Elliott  
Ronnie Lynch                      Marvin Vanderberg                      Sandee Saxon  
Dottie Chestnut                      Tom Wiseman                      Beverly Dunkle  
Kim Canaday                      Lynn Angell                      Fred Holmes  
Lynn Dempsey

Commission received the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Bev Dunkle, President of Gallipolis in Bloom, was recognized for *Privilege of Floor* to talk about the recent America in Bloom Symposium. She thanked the Commission for their support and showed the awards earned this year. The City won first place overall in Floral Display. We also won the Hanging Basket Award, sponsored by Bob's Market. We were recognized for "Overall Impression." Ms. Dunkle received the "Community Champion" award. Gallipolis is one of only eleven communities to have received the "Circle of Champions" award. This is reserved for communities who meet very stringent criteria, including the receipt of three major awards. President Cremeens thanked Ms. Dunkle and all involved. He told of meeting a waitress in Blue Ash, Ohio, who had visited our town and complimented us for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. Fred Holmes was next to be recognized for *Privilege of Floor*. He presented the Commission with this year's check of \$3,567.56 for community reinvestment. Mr. Cozza asked about a letter that he received concerning First Energy. Mr. Holmes answered that it has nothing to do with VESI.

Mr. Tom Wiseman was invited to address the Commission concerning the Gallia First Alliance. He handed out informational materials to the Commissioners. The intent of the group is to impress on employees and their families to shop in Gallia County. Employers joining the alliance appoint an employee to represent them. Many of those in attendance, including all of the Commissioners, signed a pledge to "Shop Gallia."

Ms. Lynn Angell requested *Privilege of Floor* to ask about the wording on rental units in Ordinance No. O2013-56, which is on the agenda for a second reading. Mr. Finney explained that the ordinance was worded to

deal with those who abuse the system. It would not affect those who have occasional larger than normal amounts of trash to dispose.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road – The culvert is finished along the new road, along with the catch basin. They plan to install 275 more feet to the bend in the road at the top of the hill.
- Park Electrical Upgrade – Mr. Finney showed pictures of the pits to be installed around the park. These can be removed and stored off-site when not in use. He is looking for a fence to go around the panels on the riverfront.
- Christmas falls on a Thursday next year. After polling employees, it was decided to take the day after Christmas as the floating holiday, rather than Christmas Eve.
- Buckeye Hills Career Center vocational students are working on repairing Christmas lights for the City Park.
- Demolition Grant – Work is progressing.
- Mayor's Partnership for Progress Meeting will be in Gallipolis on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 p.m. with a tour of the Justice Center, followed by a dinner at the Administrative Offices. Three of the Commissioners indicated an interest in attending.
- Traffic light study – The traffic lights are all fixed mechanically, but some sequencing problems remain to be addressed.
- There is a meeting on the Headworks Project tomorrow.
- The GKN Tax Incentive application was in the Commission packets for approval. It has been reviewed by Mr. Finney and Mr. Lynch. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve GKN's application for tax incentive, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to approve GKN's application, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Finney has scheduled vacation for next Monday, if feasible.
- Mr. Finney requested Executive Session to discuss personnel – staffing in the Police Department.

Mr. Finney gave a brief report of the Public Hearing on Court Street Traffic Flow, which preceded this meeting. He said that responses were mostly favorable, with some concerned over the potential for confusion with traffic going one way toward the river from Second Avenue to First Avenue and away from the river from Second to Third on Court Street. Access for Central Supply and US Bank could be impacted negatively by making Court Street one way away from the river along its length. There was some interest in restoring two way traffic to the block next to the Park. Everyone agreed that the intersection at Second and Court is dangerous for turning left. There was one offer of property for the City to purchase and turn into a parking lot on Court Street.

In discussion of these suggestions, Commissioners were not particularly interested in purchasing additional property for two reasons: lack of money and the desire to see a new business go in on vacant property. There was more interest expressed in making Court Street 2-way next to the City Park. After some discussion, President Cremeens asked the City Manager to look into the possible impacts and report back at the next meeting.

The City Auditor presented the 2014 Alternate Tax Budget. Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt the 2014 Alternate Tax Budget, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers reminded those working on the committee to implement the Performance Audit to e-mail their reports to her.

Mr. Cremeens asked the City Manager if the geese were still in residence at the City Pool. Mr. Finney answered that they were still creating a problem. He has not found a good solution yet.

Mr. Johnson spoke of the Gallipolis in Lights committee, which is helping to make our community pretty. Their next meeting is on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room. They hope to assemble more than 100 light balls for the City Park. They recently held a fund raiser at Bob Evans in Rio Grande.

Mr. Johnson also announced that Chili Fest was cancelled.

Mr. Wallis talked about the Farm City Day, which was held recently. They conducted a survey of those attending to ask what folks would like to see at future events.

Mr. Wallis and Mr. Brown related some of the highlights of their attendance of the Ohio Municipal League Conference last week in Columbus. They both agreed that it was an excellent conference with very good vendors and speakers. Of particular interest was the session on HB5, the municipal tax overhaul.

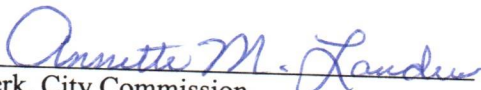
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2013-56 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 945.02, GARBAGE AND REFUSE, UNLAWFUL DEPOSITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

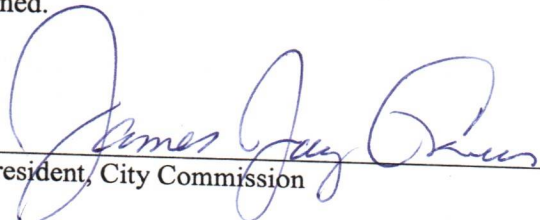
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-57 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AIR PACKS FOR A 2014 INTERNATIONAL CAB AND CHASSIS TOP MOUNT PUMPER FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Commissioners briefly discussed the purchase of the new equipment and truck with Chief Elliott. 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. O2013-58 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Mr. Cozza asked if there was any salt remaining from last year. Mr. Finney answered that there was some stockpile remaining. 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. O2013-59 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE CRUZET/BERGER AVENUE AREA SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** Mr. Brown 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.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel- staffing in the Police Department per ORC 121.22(G)(1), seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote to enter executive session, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session. There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission