

October 1, 2019

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Michael Fulks called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, President
 Steven E. Wallis, Vice-President
 Cody C. Caldwell, Member
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member
 Beau Sang, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Ted Lozier Mary Lee Marchi
 Dottie Chestnut Claudia Miller Michael W. Brown
 Marvin Ours Roma Wood

Commission received the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The decking on the Spruce Street Bridge has been completed. The bridge is much stronger and there is less noise when crossing it.
- The leaf route starts tomorrow. The schedule is being published in the newspaper.
- Rumpke began their trash service yesterday. Recycling will be picked up on Wednesdays. Residents must call or visit our office to sign up for recycling.
- We will be pushing out our repaving of Vine, Court, Locust and part of Third Avenue to next spring to coordinate with Columbia Gas Company's work in the City. It makes no sense to repave in those areas before the gas company is done excavating for their new pipes.
- Mr. Lozier is working on our application for an OPWC paving grant for 2020. We are applying for a \$233,000 project, with 30% local match. The resolution for this is on tonight's agenda. Applications are due on Thursday.
- We have remedied six of the thirteen items that Workers Comp listed to be addressed. This leaves seven still to be completed.
- Mr. Lozier has been working on a grant for electric vehicle charging stations and another for vacant buildings.
- Mr. Greene and Mr. Lozier plan to attend an event on October 15th that would conflict with our next Commission meeting. Commissioners agreed to move the next meeting to October 22nd.

The City Auditor reported on the following:

- She presented for approval of payment an invoice for \$5,084.76 from AEP for August street lights. (Inv: 8/28/19. PO: 9/3/19). Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

- The 2020 Alternate Tax Budget was presented for approval. Mr. Wallis made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Ms. Landers will be attending the annual Village Fiscal Officer Training tomorrow in Athens.
- We received a rebate of \$48,729.12 of our 2017 Workers Comp premium. Ms. Landers distributed a spreadsheet showing the apportionment among the City's departments/funds.
- Ms. Landers encouraged people to go onto our website (www.cityofgallipolis.com) to explore the new "Historic Minutes" file under the Commissioners' tab. Our new employee, Lori Reynolds, has scanned in the minutes dating back to 1939. We plan to eventually have all of the minutes back to 1918, but the older minutes are in bound books that must be scanned by hand scanner.
- R2019-07 on tonight's agenda is a resolution for Ohio Valley Bank, appointing the current City Manager, City Auditor, City Solicitor, Acting City Manager, and Assistant Treasurer as the City's agents for certain banking activities. All have the right to sign checks and access the safety deposit box, which contains only old tapes and software. The City Manager and Auditor alone have the full scope of authorities.
- O2019-33 is for property and liability insurance renewal with PEP for \$67,809, payable in three equal payments of \$22,822 each. This is slightly less than the premium for last year.
- O2019-34 is for the road salt bids.
- O2019-35 is appropriation changes. Court Capital is asking for \$13,500 for new computers and cameras for the court. Water and Sewer Funds need an additional \$5,600 and \$4,200 respectively for the Project Engineer's salary and benefits.

The City Solicitor informed Commissioners that Gallipolis is included in the class action opioid lawsuit. We may eventually receive as much as \$14,600 in settlement money. She requested executive session for legal matters.

Mr. Sang asked if there will be no paving this year. Mr. Greene responded that we will wait until the gas company is done with their project sometime next spring. He has already informed them that an ordinance is being prepared that will require entities to reimburse the City for the cost of paving based on the amount of damage done by their projects. Right now, they are just patching it enough to get by until it can be properly paved.

Mr. Gallagher asked again about having an officer attend Commission meetings when the Chief of Police cannot attend. Mr. Greene told him that he cannot pull an officer off the road for this purpose.

Ms. Claudia Miller asked if the gas company would be fixing any sidewalks that they damage. Mr. Greene responded that they are required to do so.

Ms. Roma Wood asked if they will be fixing a manhole that she had asked about prior to this meeting. Mr. Greene assured her that we will make sure it gets fixed. She also asked about homeless people in the park. Mr. Greene repeated his earlier statement that unless they do something illegal, there is nothing we can do with them. Ms. Noe told her that the police are paying attention to activities in the park for anything that they can address. If a person stretches out on a bench, but is not asleep, there is no violation. President Fulks observed that some of these people are evicted renters.

Mr. Sang asked if there is a petition going around opposing the Health Department's needle exchange program. He was told that there is.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2019-06 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, EUGENE GREENE, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO**

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2019-07 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF LODGE, ASSOCIATION OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATION.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Ms. Landers explained that the wording of the title is based on the document that Ohio Valley Bank sent us to appoint agents for banking activities. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

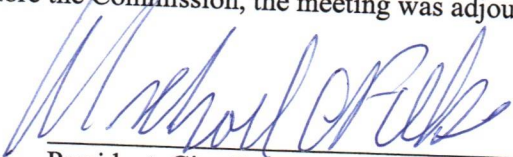
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-33 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES (PEP) FOR GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE.** Mr. Caldwell made a motion 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 was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-34 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. 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. O2019-35 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2019-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-11, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-15, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-19, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-21, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-29, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-31, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.** Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session for legal matters, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Fulks announced that there would be no business following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission