

October 3, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 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
 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, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Karen Sprague, Gallia County Administrator		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Bradie Angell	Roma Wood
Claudia Miller	Dottie Chestnut	Russell Wood
Randy Breech	Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott

Commission received the minutes of the September 19 and 25, 2017 meetings prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Ms. Karen Sprague was granted *Privilege of Floor* to conduct the Fair Housing Meeting. She began with a report on the 2016 CBDG Street Light Replacement Project, which she explained was the reason for conducting a meeting this year. The grant award for this project was \$26,200. The City's original match was \$6,294, but was increased to \$8,820 to expand the project's scope from replacing 32 signal heads to 39. Thanks were expressed all around for the great cooperation between all parties on this project. Special thanks was given to the Gallipolis Police Department for managing traffic so well at the project site.

Ms. Sprague also explained what the Fair Housing Act covers. She distributed materials related to the programs to the Commissioners and others attending. She continued her presentation by updating the Commission on the Airport Road Project. The State has completed their review of the grant application and she should be receiving the grant agreement soon. Mr. Greene mentioned his recent meeting with ODOT in Marietta where they indicated some interest in helping with the ditching on the project. He added that the Streetlight and Airport Road Projects would not have been possible without the help of the County via Ms. Sprague. CDBG Grants are biennial now, so future applications can only be taken every other year. There has been no word yet on the CHIP Grant. This concluded the Fair Housing Meeting.

President Gallagher next recognized Gallipolis Fire Chief Keith Elliott. He asked Chief Elliott to come forward for the reading and presentation of a proclamation recognizing October 8 – 14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Gallipolis. The theme for this year is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" Everyone expressed their appreciation for the service of our volunteer firefighters. Chief Elliott encouraged people to volunteer to bring the ranks back up to more traditional staffing levels.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City Pool has been drained and winterized.
- Maintenance crews are mowing the parks and city lots at least once per week and filling pot holes around town.
- On Monday, we met with Saunders Insurance and a representative from the Jefferson Health Plan to discuss rates and coverage for the coming year. Negotiations on this are on-going.
- Today, we met with Saunders Insurance on the Property & Liability Insurance renewal with Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP).
- We are moving forward with the project to tie the City and County water systems together. There are three locations under discussion: Route 7, Bob McCormick Road, and Centenary Road.
- The EPA is coming in next week with OVRDC.
- The Blue Fountain lift station is back in service following repairs.
- Ms. Angell has been getting pricing for a new generator for the Water Treatment Plant. The old generator has exceeded its expected life and is due for replacement.
- The WWTP Improvements Project is complete, with nearly all paperwork submitted to OWDA. The County is sending us about 11,000 gallons per day from their Green Phase 1 Sewer Project.
- The Amphitheater portion (Phase 1) of the Riverfront Improvements Project is now completed, with all paperwork submitted and closed out.
- Mr. Greene contacted Group Rehab to discuss other possible sites, other than Vine Street, for the new facility they are wanting to open. Their representative is expected to come to town soon for a tour of these alternate sites.

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

Invoices over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$20,851.11 from Waste Management for refuse pick-up. Invoice: 9/1/17. PO: 9/7/17.
- \$4,942.99 from AEP for street lights. Invoice: 8/25/17. PO: 9/1/17.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The 2018 Alternate Tax Budget was presented for adoption. Commissioners had been provided a copy with their packets. Ms. Landers briefly outlined the purpose for this and invited discussion or questions. There being no questions, Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt the 2018 Alternate Tax Budget, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers reported that she had talked to County Auditor Larry Betz about the City's concerns over the distribution formula for local government funding. Mr. Betz told her that it is too late to do anything about the formula for this five-year cycle. His office usually sends out the resolutions early in the year of renewal, but this year was delayed until very late in the process. Many of the entities have now returned their adopted resolutions and it is too near the deadline to allow for any changes at this point. Ms. Landers said that she is posting a note to remind her office to request a meeting in early 2022.

Village Fiscal Officer Training, required by the Auditor of State, is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th in Athens. Ms. Landers will be taking the day off either before or after as her day off this pay period.

Mr. Johnson asked if the 700 block of First Avenue is going to be re-paved after the sewer line work is completed. Mr. Greene responded that they will let it settle some and then pave it.

Mr. Russell Wood asked to address the Commission. He was concerned over some work being done on private property that he thinks could cause water to dam up and flood his office. In discussion, it was stated that even if work is being done on private property, it still must not impede drainage for neighboring properties. Mr. Greene said he would look at the situation tomorrow.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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 adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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 adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Mr. Fulks and Ms. Landers brought up a couple of areas of confusing or troublesome wording. Mr. Salisbury explained the first as a typographical error where the "m" was left out of the word "camp." This can be corrected without amendment. The second area was in the fourth paragraph, describing vehicles excluded from the provision. After some discussion, Mr. Wallis made a motion to remove wording: "which are commonly equipped with toilet facilities and waste disposal systems," motion seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion to amend the ordinance, all votes were yes. Mr. Greene said that he and Ms. Landers had also been concerned about how stringently the ordinance might be enforced, causing potential problems for those that merely needed to nap in order to safely complete a trip. Commissioners discussed the matter but thought that this would not pose a problem as officers are given some latitude to exercise common sense in enforcement. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brandeberry affirmed their motion and second on the amended ordinance. Upon roll call on the motion to adopt the amended ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

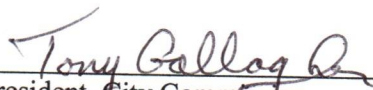
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2017-33 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.11 "LIABILITY FOR SERVICE; DELINQUENCY; EXEMPTION" AND REPEALING THE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SAME.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. O2017-36 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked the Commissioners to check their availability for the next meeting due to emergency legislation that will be on the agenda. Commissioners agreed to meet next on Tuesday, October 17th at 5 p.m.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission