

October 5, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Section 121.03 of the City Codified Ordinances.

Commission President Cody Caldwell called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:  
Cody C. Caldwell, President (in person)  
Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President (in person)  
Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (in person)  
T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Others attending were:

Ronnie Lynch, Acting City Manager (in person)	
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (in person)	
Shelly Clonch, City Auditor (in person)	
Brittany Hively, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)	
Kirk Frazee (in person)	Claudia Miller (in person)
Diana Love (in person)	Dottie Chestnut (in person)
Bud Clonch (in person)	Bill Thomas (in person)
Gene Greene (in person)	Marvin Ours (remote access)
Harry Nehus (in person)	Raquel Colon (remote access)
Whitney Vilfer (remote access)	Josh Akers (remote access)
Keith Elliott (remote access)	Jeff Boyer (remote access)

City Solicitor Ms. Brynn Noe administered the oath of office to the new City Auditor Shelly Clonch.

Commission received the minutes of September 21, 2021 prior to this meeting. Ms. Clonch stated that there was an amendment to the minutes that read that Mr. Brown would vote no on future legislation. This needed to be amended to read that Mr. Brown would vote no on all future emergency ordinances and resolutions. Mr. Fulks made a motion to accept the amended September 21st minutes, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Commission also received the minutes of September 28, 2021 prior to this meeting. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the September 28th minutes, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Ms. Raquel Colon and Mr. Josh Akers representing Columbia Gas of Ohio. They wanted to reach out to the commission regarding concerns and questions on the restoration of pavement at the intersection of Grape Street and Third Avenue that was cut for work on the gas lines. Ms. Colon stated that they do not like to cut into newly paved roads, but it was always known that they would have to cut across that intersection and that there was some miscommunication with the previous City Manager. Columbia Gas had submitted a restoration proposal to the City that proposed a 6" concrete base with a 2" asphalt cap that would be the size of the original excavation with a 6" cutback. Mr. Fulks spoke and said that a 6" cut back is not an acceptable repair. He stated that the City put off paving for a year and were told there would be no cuts on the new pavement. Mr. Fulks spoke with individuals who are highly knowledgeable in paving that suggested that it be milled 25 foot back on both sides with butt joints and repaved. Mr. Sang stated that in previous meetings, he was also assured that no cuts would be made on the new pavement. Ms. Colon again stated that there was miscommunication



between their contractor and the former city manager about cuts that would be made through the Grape and Third intersection.

Mr. Gene Greene spoke and told Ms. Colon that when he was City Manager, he met with her people who told him that they would not be cutting anymore on Third Avenue. He also said that repairs made to previous cuts on other streets were not holding. Ms. Colon said that she wants to make sure the repairs are done correctly and that the City will be happy with the results. She stated that moving forward they would like to effectively communicate the City's concerns and she will forward her contact information so that she is the main point of contact. As for the restorations that are not up to par, the City can forward all areas of concern to her and they can come and inspect those areas. Ms. Colon also stated that Columbia Gas would be interested in donating to a charitable organization that the City recommended.

Mr. Lynch reported on the following:

- The City is gaining water at the reservoir.
- Water meters that the maintenance garage ordered are currently on back order.
- Maintenance has been giving some attention to sidewalks on Court Street and putting out cones.
- Interviews were done last week for an account clerk in the Auditor's office and we are in the process of filling that position.

Mr. Lynch invited County Commissioner Mr. Gene Greene to discuss some county projects. The county has started a sewer line project at the intersection of SR 850 & SR 588 that will run to the top of Rodney Hill. This will allow the City to pick up more sewer customers later in the year (around 300 customers). Mr. Greene stated that the jail project is going well and progress is being made. The County Commission met last Thursday and discussed the start of a landbank and formed a board that consists of Mr. Greene, Mr. Harold Montgomery, Mr. Steve McGhee, Mr. John Cardwell, and Mr. Brett Bostic. He stated that there is a lot of run-down properties and this will be a benefit to the City and the County to get the areas cleaned up. All the commissioners and the City Solicitor were very much appreciative to Mr. Greene for getting this started. Mr. Sang suggested using the charitable contribution that Columbia Gas offered as seed money for the landbank.

The City Auditor presented one invoice over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$7,120.00 from Moody's of Dayton for well repairs at the Water Plant. Inv: 8/12/21. PO: 8/19/21.
- Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch presented the 2022 Alternate Tax Budget for approval to submit to the County Auditor. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the 2022 Alternate Tax Budget, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he took advantage of the early voting at the courthouse and urged everyone to get out and vote.

Mr. Caldwell informed the commission that we received the results from the 2020 Census and the City lost 328 residents. He also stated that a hiring committee has been formed to select a candidate for the City Manager position and interviews will be on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading a Resolution No. R2021-07 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ADDISON, GREEN, AND GALLIPOLIS OF GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO.**



Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2021-08 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR USE BY THE CITY IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AS HEREIN DESCRIBED.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place this resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-32 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL, AND MAJOR MEDICAL, DRUG AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-33 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105, DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-34 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A BONUS OR A CLOTHING ALLOWANCE TO ALL PERMANENT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, CERTAIN ELIGIBLE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ALL APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-35 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A BONUS TO GALLIPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT (GFD) FIREFIGHTERS.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-36 entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PREMIUM PAY TO EMPLOYEES PERFORMING ESSENTIAL WORK DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-37 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH JEANNE INGLES FNP-BC FAMILY PRACTICE FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.



There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-38 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O2017-44, AMENDING SECTION C6 (F) COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES (CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** Ms. Noe suggested to add the original salary language to the ordinance. Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading as amended, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-39 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PERMITS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO SOLICIT FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE PURSUANT TO CHARTER 371.06 (B) (2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-40 entitled **AN ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-42 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE (GASB-34 LOOK-ALIKE STATEMENTS) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2021-43 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Harry Nehus spoke up that he had a continued issue to discuss but missed doing it during the privilege of floor. He stated that his water issue in his basement still has not been resolved and he has reached out to the maintenance department with no response. Mr. Lynch will set an appointment to meet with Mr. Nehus and Mr. Bush to discuss the issue and hopefully to get a resolution.

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

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission