

October 15, 2013

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, October 15, 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  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Michelle Miller, Gallia Hometown Herald  
 Tony Gallagher                      Joy Elliott                      Keith Elliott  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Marvin Vanderberg                      Richard Fisher  
 Dottie Chestnut

Commission received the minutes of the October 1, 2013 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mound Hill Road – The contractor is finishing work on the drainage culvert. The final documents have been submitted to FEMA for payment.
- Gallipolis in Lights Project – A large work group met this evening for one and a half hours prior to the Commission meeting. They finished sixty-four balls.
- Demolition Grant – Bids have come back for the next group of houses. This bid was \$25,000. Added to the \$13,000 for the first group, there should be enough in the grant to allow for additional work beyond those on the list already approved for the grant. The Commission can add more properties to the list at the next meeting. The grant deadline is May 31, 2014.
- The Mayors' Partnership for Progress Meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> went very well. They were very impressed with our Justice Center and the meal, catered by the Parkfront Restaurant, was well-received. The attendance was good in spite of the fact that state officials were unable to attend.
- Ball fields – It will cost \$1,800 to improve drainage to the ball fields. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,800 from the VESI Community Reinvestment money for this purpose, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mounts Tree Service quoted \$3,600 to cull some damaged trees from Mound Hill Cemetery. Along with a couple of trees in other parts of town, the total cost quoted was \$5,600. He asked Ms. Landers to help in locating funds within the budget.
- Parking problem in front of Rice's Furniture – The Streets Department put up two 30 minute parking signs and lined the street off. One sign may actually be sufficient. The Commission would like to wait awhile before readdressing the issue. They are hoping the parties involved can come to an understanding.



- Intersection at Third & Olive – There was discussion of the four-way stop at Third & Olive. Chief Elliott said that this was done under former City Manager Chris Morris when he removed many of the traffic lights in town. If we were to change the traffic pattern at this intersection to a two-way stop on Olive, we would need to place signs warning of the traffic pattern change.
- Mr. Finney requested Executive Session to discuss personnel – retirement.

Mr. Finney re-introduced the topic of traffic flow on Court Street. He showed slides of the impacts of two-way traffic around the City Park. Talk centered on reduction of parking spaces and safety concerns at the Second Avenue and Court Street intersection. Two-way traffic on State Street would eliminate angle parking on that side of the park. Mr. Cozza suggested having angle parking on the park side of the street, with no parking on the other side. Mr. Wallis asked if the width of the sidewalks could be modified to allow more parking. Mr. Finney answered that the sidewalk in front of the Chamber was wide enough to reduce by two feet, but that it is built up fairly high in front of the houses. In discussion of safety at Second and Court, President Cremeens suggested doing a pedestrian safety study. Mr. Finney plans to contact ODOT to request a traffic light at this intersection. This will likely involve a traffic study at our expense.

Mr. Johnson urged Commissioners to go ahead with the proposed one-way traffic flow on Court Street from Second Avenue to Third Avenue. Mr. Wallis responded that people he has heard from seem to favor changes in the parking lot, but not the idea of one-way traffic on that section of Court Street. Mr. Brown agreed, saying that he has heard from several who oppose this change. Mr. Johnson asked him to invite those people to the next meeting so that their reasons for opposition can be considered and discussed openly. President Cremeens offered to entertain a motion to proceed with the changes, but Mr. Johnson declined to do so for possible lack of quorum pending resolution of objections.

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

Ms. Landers presented the following September donations for approval:

- \$5,215 from various listed donors for the Gallipolis in Lights Fund
- \$150 from various listed donors for the City Park Tree Fund Brick Project

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept these donations, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers announced that the Public Hearing on the 2014 Alternate Tax Budget would be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. in the Law Library on the second floor of the Gallia County Courthouse. She also went over the appropriation changes in Ordinance No. O2013-60 on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Brown mentioned that Holcomb Hill Road needs patching in several spots. Mr. Finney responded that there was a water leak that damaged the road.

Mr. Wallis pointed out that the "shortcut" near the Water Treatment Plant was also in bad shape.

President Cremeens expressed appreciation to Mr. Finney and Ms. Saxon for the good job that they did in preparing for the Mayor's meeting. Those in attendance were very complimentary. The turn-out was good and the meal was excellent. He welcomed them to come back.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2013-60 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-23, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-30, AS**



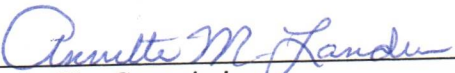
**AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-45, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-49, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-54, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

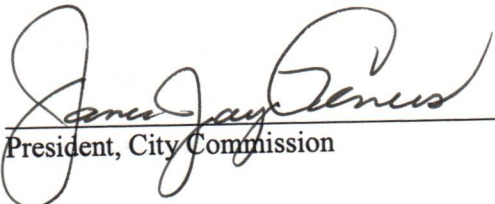
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2013-61 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2013-17, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-31, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-47, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2013-55, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Cozza 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. O2013-62 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS FOR AMENDMENT NO. 3 FOR THE GALLIPOLIS WPCF HEADWORKS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.** Mr. Johnson 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. O2013-63 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY FOR GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE.** Mr. Cozza made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Cozza asked about the cost. Mr. Finney answered that it went from roughly \$88,000 per year to about \$99,000 per year. This was mostly due to the two new buildings and new equipment on the policy. Ms. Landers stated that there is already sufficient money appropriated in the Funds to move from other lines to cover the increase. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel - retirement per ORC 121.22(G)(1), seconded by Mr. Cozza. Upon roll call to enter executive session, 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