

November 3, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Steven Wallis called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Steven E. Wallis, President  
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Vice-President  
 Michael W. Brown, Member  
 Michael C. Fulks, Member  
 Matthew Johnson, Member

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager  
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer  
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Marvin Vanderberg                      Keith A. Sheets  
 Keith Elliott                      Bill Davis                      Jeff Boyer  
 Joy Elliott                      Mary Lee Marchi                      Matt Champlin

Commission received the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Mr. Keith A. Sheets, representing Mr. Mangus, was granted *Privilege of Floor*. He said that Mr. Mangus could not attend tonight, but wanted the Commissioners to know that he is still working on getting posters of servicemen and women into the City Park. The 18" x 22' posters will cost \$100/unit. He hopes to have them ready for installation in May before Memorial Day. He hopes to attend another Commission meeting soon to give an update, but our Commission meetings conflict with his scheduled Veterans group meetings.

Mr. Bill Davis, a resident of Spruce Street Extension, was next to be granted *Privilege of Floor*. Mr. Davis voiced concern over access during annual periods of flooding. He stated that the back way out is difficult to maintain. He suggested re-opening Newsome Road, which ties directly into Hedgewood Drive. This would require the removal of a large rock and application of some stone. In discussion, it was believed that there was an old road bed there, but it might be partly impinged upon by a swimming pool in Margaret "Cookie" Johnson's yard. The right of way is wide enough that this should not present a problem as an escape road. The road would need to be surveyed to determine exactly where the old road is. The City already has a 50' right of way that runs right past Shane Davis' carport, but Mr. Bill Davis was worried that this could be shut off from use. Mr. Davis suggested that the problem with access is holding back development of this area. He said he had some land that he might consider developing. Mr. Wallis promised to look into the matter to see what can be done.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City crews have been working on leaf pick-up will begin the past couple of weeks and will continue through the end of November.
- A crew has also been working on cleaning sidewalks and trash pick-up along the streets and park front.

- EPA has been on-site at the Water Treatment Plant and the site of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, checking for any problems that we might have.
- Gallipolis Police Chief Clint Patterson retired on October 31, 2015, after twenty-seven years of service to the City. The Commission joined Mr. Greene in expressing their appreciation and wishing Chief Patterson the best in his retirement.
- Mr. Greene recommended the appointment of Captain Jeff Boyer as Interim Police Chief. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- With the retirement of Chief Patterson, this leaves the police department short another officer. Mr. Greene recommended moving Patrolman Jason Lyons from a part-time to a full-time position. Patrolman Lyons served as a reserve officer for the City prior to his part-time position. Chief Boyer concurred that Patrolman Lyons is well qualified for this position. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the appointment of Patrolman Lyons to full-time, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Auditor presented the cost for Public Officials bonds for the City Manager and City Auditor, as required in the Ohio Compliance Supplement. The City Commission must set the amount of the bonds, as there is no guidance on the dollar amounts. In order to set a precedent to protect the City and its residents no matter who is in these positions, Ms. Landers requested quotes for \$250,000 on the Clerk/Treasurer position and \$50,000 on the City Manager position. These came back at \$578 and \$175 respectively for the period of 10/29/15 to 10/1/16. After a short discussion, Mr. Gallagher made a motion to set the bond amounts at the suggested levels, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Landers asked the Commissioners for their permission to participate in the OhioCheckbook.com website that the Ohio Treasurer of State has established to promote transparency in the spending of public funds in Ohio. The website allows access to detailed information using a variety of search parameters. The State of Ohio has opened this up for local governments to also make their information available at no cost. Ms. Landers recommended that we try it out to allow folks access to our information, including the salary amounts of our employees, which is already available on our budgetary spreadsheets. Mr. Brown made a motion to participate in OhioCheckbook.com, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Recently the City Solicitor's copy machine gave out, triggering a search for a replacement copier for the City Building. Normally, when we replace the City Building copier, we pass our old copier on the Solicitor's office. The plan had been to replace the copier in 2016 because it had been in service since 2007. We priced two copiers, a Konica-Minolta and a Ricoh. After comparing the two proposals, we decided to go with the Konica-Minolta from Komax. The cost will be \$189/month for 48 months, plus 0.01/ black & white copy and 0.06/ color copy. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the lease-purchase of this machine, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Johnson asked residents to steer clear of the 300 to 700 blocks of First Avenue early this Saturday morning, as they will be moving a large piece of equipment down to the City Park to begin the process of hanging the light balls for Gallipolis in Lights. Last year, they had enough decorations to take care of the entire perimeter of the park. This year, they hope to have enough to decorate some of the interior trees, as well. Mounts Tree Service will again be helping install the lights.

President Wallis stated that meetings are beginning with the Townships on the new fire contracts, which are again for a three year term. Last year, we extended the old contracts, which expired on December 31, 2014, for an additional year to December 31, 2015.

President Wallis noted that the Commission needs to have another revenues workshop if the Commission wishes to get anything onto the ballot for the next election. The deadline for submission to the Board of Elections is December 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners set the workshop for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 p.m. They will handle any necessary legislation at this meeting, too.

It was announced that there will be a Veterans parade this Saturday in the Maple Shade area, with the parade route going up Smithers, crossing Eastern Avenue, and ending at Walmart. The Police Department is providing coverage. There will be another parade on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Second Avenue and ending in a ceremony at the Doughboy Monument in the City Park.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading a Resolution No. R2015-14 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 2016 AS HEREIN DESCRIBED.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2015-45 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AND SELL BY BID REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCEL NO. 007-008-020-00 (KNOWN AS THE THOMAS PROPERTY).** Mr. Gallagher 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 for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2015-46 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL AT A SET PRICE TO A DESIGNATED PURCHASER REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCELS NO. 006-555-199-00, 006-555-397-00, 006-555-397-01, 008-001-316-00, AND 008-555-285-00 (KNOWN AS THE OLD CITY DUMP).** Mr. Fulks 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 for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2015-47 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** 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.

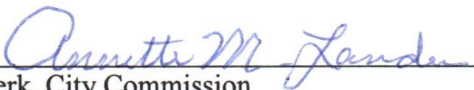
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2015-51 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL FROM THE LEDGERS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS UTILITY BILLING OFFICE CERTAIN PAST DUE ACCOUNTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance 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 as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-52 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2015-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-29, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-36, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-41, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-49, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR**

**CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2015-53 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2015-17, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-25, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-50, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission