

November 5, 2019

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 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		
Brent Saunders, sitting in for the City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Ted Lozier	Michael W. Brown
Lester Plymale	Joy Elliott	Jeff Boyer
Claudia Miller	Keith Elliott	Dottie Chestnut
Scott W. Saunders	John H. Saunders	Randy Breech

Commission received the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

President Fulks recognized Mr. Scott Saunders and Mr. John Saunders of Saunders Insurance Agency for *Privilege of Floor*. Mr. Scott Saunders distributed copies of the City's renewal claims history and quotes for 2020. Total claims paid in each of the two prior years exceeded \$600,000 per year. The coming year's projected claims are \$659,867. Adding in the fixed costs (such as claims administration & fees and our stop-loss insurance premium) of \$245,000 yields total projected costs of \$904,915. At our current premium level, we accrue \$850,406 per year, which would give us an expected loss of 6.41% for 2020. Because of this, our renewal premium increase is being set at 11.96%. 5.69% is based on the entire group's performance and 6.27% to pay down our prior deficit and build up reserves. Monthly premiums will be \$1,125.16 for single plan with employee share per pay of \$62.32, \$2,133.24 for employee/child(ren) with employee share per pay of \$155.37, \$2,359.67 for employee/spouse with employee share of \$176.27 per pay, and \$3,367.75 for family plan with employee share of \$269.32 per pay. There was discussion of the impact on employees, but consensus was that any other plan would have resulted in a much higher renewal rate. Some plans are seeing increases of 60% or more. Institution of wellness programs and better utilization of the City's contracted nurse practitioners should be encouraged.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance Department has dealt with several water leaks the past few weeks. Last night there was a main water line break that ran into the storm sewer and on to the river. They are running the leaf route almost daily, with street patching, repairing signs, and removing debris from the roadways filling in their remaining hours.
- The pool has been winterized for the season.

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- State Representative Jason Stephens came in last week for a visit and spent all afternoon with the City Manager and Mr. Lozier. They toured both treatment plants, Mound Hill, the swimming pool, Haskins Park, and the Parkfront. He seemed very impressed by our facilities.
- Mr. Lozier will be having more BWC training for the workers next Wednesday.
- There is a meeting tomorrow morning with Columbia Gas to discuss the condition of the streets and their share of the repaving costs.
- The City Auditor and Mr. Lozier will be attending the County Budget Commission hearing of the 2020 Alternate Tax Budget tomorrow morning.
- Mr. Greene has spoken to several of the department heads about their 2020 budget requests. Other than health insurance and some personnel costs affected by raises given this year, they should be about the same as last year.
- The County has asked the City to vacate the alley that runs from First Avenue to Second Avenue on the property that we sold them near the Courthouse. They do not want to close it, just control the traffic through there. Following a short discussion, Commissioners asked that papers be drawn up for this for them to consider.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session for legal matters.

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

The Budget Commission will meet tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the County Commission meeting room at the Courthouse.

On tonight's agenda as emergencies, there is the annual ordinance allowing boot drives, the annual agreement with the County for defense of the indigent at the same annual cost (\$15,000) as in prior years, bonuses/clothing allowances for employees (\$300 for full-time and \$100 for certain part-time), bonuses for volunteer firefighters (\$100 each), the bond with OVB for the electric recharging stations (closing on Friday), and appropriation and transfer changes. She detailed amounts for bonuses, City Manager payout, income tax refunds, VOCA match, bond counsel and interest in the VESI Fund, labor on the state highways, and elimination of remaining MAS Grant appropriations. We have first reading for the 2020 temporary appropriations and Health and Dental Insurance.

Mr. Sang asked about the possibility of purchasing some less expensive chargers he had seen. Mr. Lozier explained that the ones Mr. Sang saw were overnight chargers, not the quick charging types that the City is installing with the AEP grant.

Mr. Gallagher congratulated both Mr. Fulks and Mr. Brown on winning today's election for the two spots on the City Commission. He suggested that the Commission follow past practice in inviting newly-elected Commissioners to attend executive sessions. Mr. Gallagher also spoke about a free program that AEP has for smoke detectors.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-36 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PERMITS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO SOLICIT FROM THE OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 371.06(B)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. 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. O2019-38 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY'S INDIGENT CITIZENS.** Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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. O2019-39 entitled **AN EMERGENCY 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. 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. O2019-40 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A BONUS TO GALLIPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT (GFD) FIREFIGHTERS.** Mr. Sang made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call on the motion to adopt this ordinance, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-41 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF GRANTS FROM AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING CHARGING STATIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. 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. O2019-42 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, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-35, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Ms. Landers questioned the wording on the agenda, which omitted several of the intervening amended ordinances. Mr. Saunders filled in for the missing numbers by referring to the ordinance as being amended "by Ordinance No. O2019-06 and other amendments." Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2019-43 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2019-07, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-14, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2019-32, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Gallagher 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.

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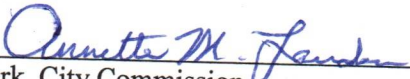
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2019-37 entitled **AN ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020**. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

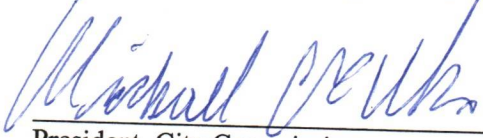
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2019-44 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL, DRUG AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Mr. Sang made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Fulks announced that there might be business following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

Mr. Greene said that December 1st would be his last day. Mr. Wallis stated that he saw no need to go outside looking for candidates for City Manager. Mr. Gallagher responded that he disagrees. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Ted Lozier as City Manager, effective December 1, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. In discussion, Mr. Gallagher was asked what he wanted to see. Mr. Gallagher answered that he wanted to have it out in the public. Mr. Sang added that he also wanted to post the job. Mr. Caldwell noted that Mr. Lozier meets all of the points/qualifications that the Commission is looking for in a candidate. Mr. Gallagher asked for and Commissioners agreed to a roll call vote on the motion on the floor. Upon roll call on the motion, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Caldwell, and Mr. Fulks voted yes. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sang voted no. Motion carried. President Fulks directed that appointing legislation be prepared for the next meeting.

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


 Clerk, City Commission


 President, City Commission