

November 6, 2018

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 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
 Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor
 Annette M. Landers, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer
 Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
 Ronnie Lynch Michael W. Brown Jeff Boyer
 Mike Null

Commission received the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Dean Wright, reporting for the *Gallipolis Daily Tribune* on the City's possible annexation plans. President Fulks explained that the idea of annexation has been discussed at various times over many years. Mr. Sang added that annexation into the City would save money for many outside residents, depending on their individual circumstances. For instance, those who are retired or on SSI would save about 80% on their water/sewer bills, as well as realize savings from the City's natural gas and electric aggregation programs. He went over some of the numbers that the City is including in a flyer to be distributed soon. It lists some of the costs and benefits of annexation for potential residents to consider. Mr. Greene stated that the city's utilities extend all the way to Mitchell Road.

The City Solicitor summarized the matter by stating that the Commission does not intend to condition utility services on annexation, although the law does allow such conditioning. They would rather entice annexation based on the benefits offered. We already provide water, sewer, and fire protection to these areas. We need money to continue vital services. Annexation would increase the City's tax base. It would allow for more controlled growth through urban planning for such things as greenspaces, parks, and revitalization districts. Those annexing would benefit from the City's gas and electric aggregation programs, if they decide not to opt out. Residents can run for city office. There are many other benefits, not just financial, such as snow removal.

Mr. Wright asked about laws that some might object to such as the "pit bull" ordinance and whether folks would need to make changes to their properties. Mr. Salisbury answered that the Commission has not discussed these issues, but there is one municipal code that all are subject to. This can be a benefit in enhancing and preserving property values.

Mr. Wallis wrapped up by stating that the Commission has no particular time line for annexation, but just wanted folks to start thinking about it. There will be public hearings later as the process unfolds.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance Department has begun leaf pick up. The schedule is on the City's website and has been published in the newspaper.
- Shelly Company has completed the paving of Ohio and Fourth avenues. Our Streets Department assisted with this project.
- The GDC Water Line Project is completed for the state's portion. Per the state's request, Middleton Estates will not be tied in until ownership of the buildings has been accepted.
- The Bandstand refurbishment has been completed and looks very nice. The contractor has recommended that no nails, screws, staples, or wire be used in future in decorating the bandstand.
- Mr. Greene has a meeting tomorrow morning with the Health Department Board to discuss the health and safety of our community.
- The culvert work portion of the Airport Road Project is completed and the road has re-opened. The paving will be delayed to the spring to allow the area to settle. The ditch work still needs to be finished.
- Mr. Jay Caldwell has been recommended to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Mr. Jay Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Sang. Mr. Sang said he would like the opportunity to meet with prospective board members. Mr. Greene said all board meetings are advertised and Commissioners are invited to attend. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- The Gallia Metropolitan Housing Board contacted us about a vacancy for the unexpired term (to June of 2020) of Ms. Virginia Fogelstrom. This position must be filled by a resident of the housing authority. They were recommending Ms. Judy Pugh for the position. Mr. Wallis made a motion to appoint Ms. Judy Pugh to this position, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Some companies have approached the City about using a deduct meter for their cooling towers. This would allow them to meter their sewage usage and have their sewer bill based off of that rather than on their water consumption. Mr. Greene said that the proposal was quite problematic, based on a number of concerns. First of all, we would need to make sure that it is compatible with our programming. They would need to pay for the meter. It would set a precedent for any future requests. The Commission will take the request under advisement.
- The City Manager requested executive session for pending 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.

Ms. Landers presented four invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$9,709.76 from Pullins Excavating for the GDC Water Line Project. Invoice: 10/18/18. PO: 10/23/18.
- \$5,099.91 from BWC for October premium. Invoice: 9/28/18. PO: 10/1/18.
- \$5,329.60 from Harris Industrial Services for LED lighting. Invoice: 10/13/18. PO: 10/17/18.
- \$5,130.26 from AEP for Sept. street lights. Invoice: 9/27/18. PO: 10/1/18.

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

The employee Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Friday, November 16th from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The City provides the meat, mashed potatoes, and drinks. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

Ms. Landers informed Commissioners of the need for several emergency ordinances at the next meeting. They discussed a date when all could be present. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 27th, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Gallagher expressed concern for City employees' safety from deranged people shooting up places. He asked the City Manager about the cost to install bullet-proof glass at the windows in the water department and stronger doors. Mr. Greene will look into the costs.


Mr. Sang complimented the paving job on Ohio Avenue. He asked if some of the street lights are working right. It was suggested that they may be delayed due to the time change.

Mr. Gallagher talked about the replicas of Christopher Columbus' ships, the Nina and the Pinta, at the river front. So many people, particularly school groups, are taking the opportunity to tour the vessels. President Fulks commended the Visitor's Center for the great job they did in planning this event.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2018-36 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GALLIA COUNTY TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending legal matters, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call on the motion, all votes were yes. President Fulks announced that there would be no business following executive session. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission