

November 15, 2016

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order. Mr. Wallis gave the invocation.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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

Others attending were:

M. Eugene Greene, City Manager		
Adam R. Salisbury, City Solicitor		
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Jeff Boyer	Cletus Harder
Nan Harder	Joy Elliott	Keith Elliott
Janet Johnson	B. G. Johnson	Christy Johnson
Erin Buckley	Tim Neekamp	

Commission received the minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Fulks pointed out a misspelling of the last name "McEwen" on page 2. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The Maintenance Department has been cleaning in the City Park in preparation for Gallipolis in Lights. The leaf route is in full swing. Work will begin this week to move the water main on Debbie Drive as part of the County Sewer Project.
- The Water Office will be doing their monthly reading this weekend. Aged accounts receivable are being actively pursued for collection.
- The contractor at the Sewer Plant is cleaning up after construction.
- Code Enforcement has been working with the Solicitor's office to send unresolved cases to court.
- The Police Levy failed by 73 votes.
- The Park Front Project is coming along well. Some blacktopping was done last week. Weather permitting, the contractor will return this Thursday to complete the blacktopping. The parking lot is being striped. Hand railing is being installed at the amphitheater, which is almost 100% complete.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session to discuss personnel and buying or leasing of property.
- Two Commissioners need to be appointed for a one-year term on the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board. Chief Elliott explained that they will need to meet briefly for an initial meeting to be held directly following tonight's special meeting. Other than that, they would only meet to determine if there is a valid death claim and as follow-up thereafter. Mr. Brandeberry and Mr. Fulks volunteered to serve on this board.

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

Ms. Landers presented a liquor license request transfer for Pizza Hut. This is just a change of franchisee name. Mr. Brandeberry made a motion not to request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor reported on the Opiates Conference that he attended with Ms. Grady in Huntington two weeks ago. As part of this conference, there was a law enforcement roundtable where participants presented and discussed ways other communities are coping with the drug epidemic. Dayton, Toledo, Portsmouth, and Cincinnati, as well as many communities in WV and KY were represented. Several hospitals and EMS Units also participated. Commissioners spent a few minutes discussing the epidemic in Gallia County with Chief Boyer and Mr. Salisbury. All indications are that most of the crime our town deals with tie back to drugs.

Mr. Wallis thanked those who supported the Police Levy. The numbers improved greatly compared to the primary last spring. President Gallagher thanked Chief Boyer, the City Manager, and the patrolmen who worked so hard to reach the electorate.

Mr. Johnson reported that Gallipolis in Lights is wrapping up the installation of lights in preparation for next Wednesday's tree lighting. There will be around 1,300 light balls in the park this year, plus decorated trees and other displays. The committee has been troubleshooting lights ahead of the official lighting. He apologized that they made a few ruts in the park, which he hopes can be easily filled.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2016-04 entitled **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF GALLIA COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this resolution as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution as an emergency, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2016-54 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL FROM THE LEDGERS OF THE GALLIPOLIS BILLING OFFICE CERTAIN PAST DUE ACCOUNTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN.** Mr. Brandeberry made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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. O2016-55 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GALLIA COUNTY TO FURNISH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES.** Mr. Johnson 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. O2016-56 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT, OHIO FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Chief Boyer said it cost somewhere around \$62 to \$65 per night at the Middleport facility. 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. O2016-57 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017**. 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. O2016-58 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-12, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-18, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-34, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-36, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-43, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-51, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Ms. Landers highlighted a few of the items included in the ordinance, such as the pay-off of the pumper firetruck. 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. O2016-59 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2016-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-19, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-25, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-37, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-44, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2016-52, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Ms. Landers told the Commissioners that this was for the transfer from Fire Levy to Debt Service to pay off the fire truck. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Wallis made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and buying, leasing or selling of property, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call on the motion, 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