

November 16, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Section 121.03 of the City Codified Ordinances.

Commission President Cody Caldwell called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Cody C. Caldwell, President (in person)
Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President (in person)
Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)
Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (in person)

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager (in person)
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (in person)
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor (in person)
Brittany Hively, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
Ronnie Lynch (in person) Dottie Chestnut (in person)
Nick Roach (in person) Claudia Miller (in person)
Keith Elliott (in person) Marvin Ours (in person)
Bill Thomas (in person) Jodie Penrod (in person)
Jeff Boyer (remote access)

The Commission received the minutes of November 2, 2021, prior to this meeting. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the November 2nd minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor will be moved to later in the meeting.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Mr. Bostic and himself met with Shari Rocchi and Lori Kelly with Gallipolis in Lights to go over a checklist of what is still needed before the lighting. There has been good coordination and the City crews have done a great job in getting the park ready.
- Code Enforcement has sent initial public nuisance letters to property owners. We may need to look into establishing specific ordinances outside of the Ohio Revised Code. Most of these properties are those with dormant parked vehicles.
- Maintenance crews have been working on numerous water leaks with one currently on Eastern Avenue that they hope to get to by tomorrow.
- Met with Nick Roach and Jodie Penrod to discuss the DORA project.
- Discussed the shutting down of Second Avenue with R&R Pipeline and Columbia Gas. They will have additional flaggers and are working with the local businesses when shutting down areas. Mr. Bostic and himself met with Dustin Reeder of Columbia Gas to discuss target dates of completion and repairs. R & R Pipeline should be done with their work approximately December 17th with restorative work by Columbia Gas extending into the spring. The repair was made to the asphalt at 3rd Avenue and Grape Street and they will see how it holds up over the winter.
- The Police Chief will be off work until next Monday and Justin Rice will be the contact during his absence.

- Community Action Agency is applying for a CHIP program and has asked about waiving any code fees for their housing rehabilitation program. We have previously waived these fees in the past.
- The employee Thanksgiving dinner will be on Thursday, November 18th at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Caldwell asked what the plan is on the properties with dormant parked vehicles because letters were sent out in the past and cars were just moved around. Mr. Saunders responded that we would revisit the fee structure and look into revising the current ordinances.

The City Auditor presented the October 2021 financial statement for approval. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the October financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor spoke regarding the privilege of the floor for tonight with the Downtown Revitalization Project (DRP) concerning the DORA project. She has done previous training on the DORA and brought some notes with her tonight. Also, she has been on the DRP board for several years but will not be involved except on the aspect of the commission.

Mr. Fulks commented that the downtown area is looking a lot better than it has in a long time.

Mr. Brown asked if there has been any progress on fixing the clock on Second Avenue in the park. The City Manager stated he has a contact and will reach out to them.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Nick Roach and Ms. Jodie Penrod representing the Downtown Revitalization Project (DRP), to collaborate with the City on a Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Mr. Roach spoke and said this would promote foot traffic and additional patrons for downtown businesses. He said other cities, such as Marietta, have implemented DORA and have been successful. The City would establish designated areas and times. A proper beverage container would have to be approved by the City Manager. There would also have to be proper signage and disposal containers. Mr. Gallagher asked if this would be just for the downtown area? Mr. Roach answered that the area would have to be established, but their main focus is the immediate downtown area. There was a question raised on if the perimeters would be monitored? Mr. Roach stated that they have support from the Chief of Police. Ms. Penrod spoke and said that we don't have all the solutions at this moment; the DRP wanted to bring it before the commission for their input. The City Manager commented that this would not be an area to congregate and drink but more of a sip and stroll. Ms. Penrod stated that the DRP wants to help the success of the local businesses while also having a responsible way to use the downtown. The City Solicitor spoke and said the City Manager would present the application and guidelines for the refreshment area, and the DRP would administer the project as a third party. The commission thanked Mr. Roach and Ms. Penrod and said the City Manager will be in touch with them for discussions.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-49 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2021-05, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-12, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO O2021-31 AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** 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.

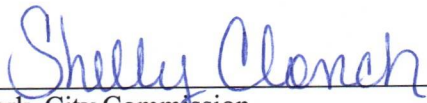
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2021-50 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2021-04, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-07, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-11, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-23, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-29, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2021-41 SETTING**

APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Ms. Clonch explained that the ordinance was amended since the first reading to add \$2,900.00 to the City Building account in the General Fund. 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. O2021-51 entitled **AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY RUNNING BETWEEN EASTERN AVENUE AND OHIO AVENUE.** Mr. Brown 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.

Mr. Marvin Ours spoke about the noise and shaking of walls in his home when large trucks hit rough spots in the road that Columbia Gas has repaired. He was concerned about future cuts that will be made on the road. The City Manager stated that Columbia Gas has assured that repairs will be done right.

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



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission