

December 1, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 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
 W. Matthew Johnson, 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
 John H. Doss, Jr., Clay Township Trustee
 Wanda Waugh, Clay Township Fiscal Officer
 Ronnie Lynch Marvin Vanderberg Matt Champlin
 Keith Elliott Jeff Boyer Joy Elliott
 Randy Breech Beverly Dunkle Mary Lee Marchi

Commission received the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. President Wallis asked that the minutes be corrected to remove "Volunteer" from "Gallipolis Fire Department" in the first paragraph on page 2. There being no other corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved as corrected.

The City Manager stated that he was proud of the City workers, from the Commission on down, in their response to the budget crisis this year. As a look-back over the past year, Mr. Greene reported on the following:

- The City put three new police cruisers on the road, replacing vehicles with over 125,000 miles on them.
- The new water line under Chickamauga Creek was put in through the united efforts of Dave Walters and his crew and Waugh Construction. Water service was restored and new and better valves were installed.
- The WWTP Improvements Project was begun, a seven million dollar project to provide increased capacity for servicing additional businesses and residents outside the City. Brian Lane and his crew have been involved in this project from day one, saving money for the City. This project should be completed in May of 2016.
- We completed Phase 1 of the City Park Electrical Upgrade Project and have just submitted paperwork for funding Phase 2 of the project.
- The City now has a new parking lot on Third Avenue.
- The City's Parkfront Project is going forward, with another public hearing to be scheduled soon. It will be re-bid in February, with construction expected to begin in March or April.

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- Hedgewood Drive has been greatly improved, thanks to the efforts of Dave Walters, his crew, and Commissioner Fulks.
- For those residents concerned about the lack of access for Spruce Street Extension in the event of flooding, City crews ditched and stoned the road, putting it in the best shape in anyone's memory.
- The 588 Slip Project is complete with new sidewalks and 219 feet of paving. This was a cooperative effort between the City, Karen Sprague and the County Commission, and Mark Kirkhart and Jason Beaver of ODOT.
- City Department heads have been attending weekly staff meetings that address problems in a team environment, which has been helpful to all departments.
- The City Solicitor instituted bi-weekly meetings with Code Enforcement and the City Manager to better address perennial problems with Code violators. The results have been encouraging, with many vacant lots now cleaned up. The City is either in process or has already obtained deeds for several properties, which we have been mowing and cleaning up every year. This will allow the sale of these properties to new owners who will presumably make improvements to them.
- The Police Department has gone through a very difficult time of low staffing, requiring overtime and sometimes only one officer on duty. They have worked together to deal with traffic problems, drugs, and day-to-day operations. Thanks to this cooperation, better training, and better communications, they are turning things around for a better police force.
- The Tax Department has been working to incorporate the new tax laws required under HB5.
- With the help of Viking Fire Protection and President Wallis, the City continues to work to supply water service to GDC. We have also bid out the Spruce Street Lift Station Upgrade, which affects the major line to Spring Valley, the fairgrounds, and Holzer Hospital.
- The new Speedway will begin construction in early spring 2016.
- Mr. Greene went over Acting Police Chief Boyer's work history with the City and recommended his appointment as Police Chief. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to appoint Acting Chief Boyer as Police Chief, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session to discuss contracts – health insurance negotiations.

The City Auditor presented the following invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$44,947.05 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade. Inv. date: 8/25/15. P.O. date: 11/6/15.
- \$17,654.07 from CT Consultants for WWTP Upgrade. Inv. date: 9/16/15. P.O. date: 11/6/15.
- \$4,969.39 from AEP for street lights. Inv. date: 9/28/15. P.O. date: 10/1/15.
- \$20,414.16 from Waste Management for Sept. Inv. date: 10/1/15. P.O. date: 11/2/15.
- \$4,219.17 from Bob's Market for GIL lighting supplies. Inv. date: 10/1/15. P.O. date: 11/2/15.
- \$4,527.30 from Street Décor, Inc. for banners. Inv. date: 10/1/15. P.O. date: 10/23/15.
- \$4,862.76 from AEP for street lights. Inv. date: 10/27/15. P.O. date: 11/2/15.

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

The City Solicitor spoke on upcoming legislation to define the Downtown Revitalization District. This requires advertisement for two weeks. It will be going into the newspapers tomorrow and will be on the agenda for the December 15th meeting. It will be due at the Board of Elections on December 16th. The new district will stretch from Vine Street to Sycamore Street and from First Avenue to Fourth Avenue, including an additional area around Pine Street and Vinton Avenue.

Mr. Gallagher commended the Gallipolis in Lights Committee for the lighting in the City Park. He informed people that the American Red Cross is installing free 10-year smoke detectors for anyone interested. He recently had them installed in his home. He also commended Mr. Brown for picking up trash every time he walks his dog.

President Wallis mentioned the item in the packets from the Ohio Liquor Control Commission, which says that all liquor licenses are up for renewal in February 2016. No action is required unless we wish to contest any of the renewals.

Next, President Wallis talked about employee bonuses on the agenda tonight. He encouraged passage, saying that the employees were the reason that we have made it through this difficult year. Mr. Brown and Mr. Greene also commended the employees, with other Commissioners expressing their agreement.

As a final topic, President Wallis asked the Commissioners if they would consider moving the meeting time back to 6 p.m. to allow those attending to get home earlier on meeting nights. After a short discussion, the Commissioners decided to meet at 6 p.m., beginning with the next meeting on December 15, 2015.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-55 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Fulks 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. O2015-56 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$43,331.77 OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF ROAD AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Gallagher 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. O2015-57 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A BONUS TO ALL PERMANENT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ALL APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** 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 was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-58 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GALLIA COUNTY FOR EQUIPMENT AND LABOR.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. O2015-59 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR MARCH 15, 2016, THE ISSUE OF A 1% LEVY ON INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. O2015-60 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt

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this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contracts/health insurance negotiations, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to enter executive session for contracts/health insurance negotiations, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to regular session.

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

Annette M. Lander
Clerk, City Commission

Steven E. Waller
President, City Commission