

December 5, 2017

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 5:00 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, Auditor/Clerk/Treasurer		
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune		
Ronnie Lynch	Jeff Boyer	Cody Caldwell
Beau Sang	Bradie Angell	Mary Lee Marchi
Roma Wood	Travis Dennie	Fred Holmes

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency a Resolution No. R2017-05 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 as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-42 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018.** Mr. Brandeberry 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. O2017-43 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2005-56, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2006-42, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2007-43, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2008-36, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2008-55, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2009-42, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2011-94, SECTION 2(C), SETTING EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF PAYMENT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL, AND MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. Ms. Landers said this freezes the employee share to the current dollar amount rather than a percentage of premium. 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. O2017-44 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL**

EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION. Mr. Fulks 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. Ms. Landers mentioned that one employee was accidentally skipped, but will be acted upon in January.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2017-45 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A BONUS TO GALLIPOLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (GVFD) FIREFIGHTERS.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. Mr. Brandeberry and Ms. Landers emphasized that this money is coming from a surplus left over in the volunteer firefighters line as well as from a donation from a local business. 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. O2017-46 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH CANADAY CARE LLC FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Mr. Brandeberry 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. O2017-47 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH JEANNE INGLES FNP-BC FAMILY PRACTICE FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Mr. Fulks 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. O2017-48 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brandeberry. 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. O2017-49 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GALLIA COUNTY FOR THE BOARDING OF PRISONERS.** Mr. Brandeberry made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wallis. The contract is in draft form, with the City Manager to negotiate wording before signing. 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. O2017-50 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY'S INDIGENT CITIZENS.** Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Johnson. This contract did not increase at \$15,000 annually, payable quarterly. 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. O2017-51 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GALLIA COUNTY FOR EQUIPMENT AND LABOR**. Mr. Fulks 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. O2017-52 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2017-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-13, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-22, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-30, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-34, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2017-41, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**. Mr. Wallis made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. The only change is \$5,000 additional appropriated for Gallipolis in Lights to handle bills to the end of the year. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

Commission received the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

Privilege of Floor was granted to Mr. Fred Holmes of Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. Mr. Holmes expressed his pleasure in coming to present the annual Community Reinvestment donation to the City for their gas aggregation program. He apologized that, due to last winter's mild weather, this year's check at \$2,500.52 is somewhat smaller than in some prior years. Ms. Landers assured him that it is a welcome contribution to our community. She told him that the City most recently used their donated funds to pay interest expenses for the Riverfront Project for funds borrowed in anticipation of grant receipts. Although the project is totally grant funded, the City must borrow money to pay vendors before submitting for grant reimbursement. Volunteer Energy can feel proud that they played an important role in funding this project. Commissioners joined in thanking Mr. Holmes and Volunteer Energy for their support.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- With the new state codes in effect, Code Enforcement is stepping up enforcement of violations of property maintenance, grease traps, and anything else to keep our town clean and attractive for new businesses.
- Mr. Greene thanked Randy Breech, who recently made donations to the Fire Department and Maintenance Garage to thank them for their hard work in responding to issues affecting his businesses. Mr. Greene acknowledged their work and dedication, which we sometimes overlook.
- The police department & sheriff department had their hat drive last Saturday to benefit needy Gallia County children at Christmas. It brought in nearly \$10,000.
- 75 Cedar Street did not sell at the auction, so we now have a "for sale by owner" sign on it. We are also looking at other small lots that the City owns and does not need that we could possibly declare surplus and try to sell to adjoining property owners. This would shift the responsibility for mowing from the city and also convert property tax exempt property to taxable.
- There will be a meeting this week with B&B Boating and EL Robinson to locate where boat tie-offs should be placed. B&B has expressed interest in making stops again in Gallipolis.
- After tonight's legislation, we should have all of next year's contracts now in place for electric, gas, health insurance, road salt, etc.

Mr. Travis Dennie of Infinitytech was introduced to speak about cameras in and around the City Park. These would be similar to the weather cams that we see being used around the Tri-State area. We could also look into more advanced features to include security functions for the bandstand and Parkfront.

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Mr. Dennie said that the weather cam would be at no cost to us. Other options could run \$50 per year per camera and up depending on options selected. Mr. Wallis questioned him in more detail on security features available. People can go to www.viewgallia.com to see the weather page he already has up.

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

The following invoices over \$3,000 were presented for approval of payment:

- \$2,986.40 from CT Consultants for Water Line Maint supplies. Inv: 10/11/17. PO: 10/13/17
- \$8,777.50 from Lucky Cat Design C. for GIL t-shirt fundraiser. Inv: 11/6/17. PO: 11/15/17

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

The City Solicitor informed Commissioners that the Pierce jury trial in Gallia County Common Pleas Court will begin on January 8th. Five days have been blocked off for this trial.

Mr. Salisbury thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brandeberry for their service as Commissioners and expressed his gratitude for their support. Everyone joined in thanking them and wishing them well.

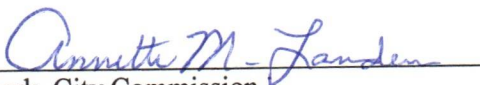
Mr. Brandeberry thanked the City Manager, City Auditor, City Solicitor, and employees for making his time of service "a mostly pleasurable experience."

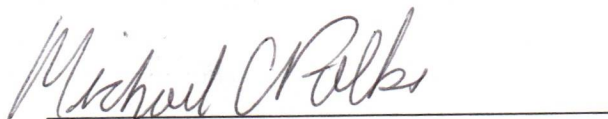
President Gallagher mentioned that a lady from Belgium had e-mailed him for help in making contact with family members of Roger C. Dabney, a WWII pilot who was shot down near her family's home in Belgium. Her family provided a hiding place for Mr. Dabney and two other pilots until they were discovered by the German authorities and arrested along with her family members. Mr. Gallagher was able to locate Mr. Dabney's death certificate and send a picture of it to her, but has been unable to locate any family members. Several people spoke up with ideas of where to go for possible leads.

Mr. Greene announced that Wednesday, December 13th is the deadline for requisitions to be submitted for the year. After that, only emergencies will be processed.

Mr. Wallis pointed out that the Charter sets the Commission's organizational meeting for 8 p.m. on January 2nd following the election of new Commissioners. This year that falls on the first Tuesday of the month, our regular meeting date. After a short discussion, Commissioners decided to meet at 8 p.m. on January 2, 2018 for the organizational meeting, to be immediately followed by the regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned, with Mr. Brandeberry making the motion and Mr. Johnson seconding for the final official actions of their terms as Gallipolis City Commissioners.


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission