

December 7, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 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)  
T. Beau Sang, 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)  
Gene Greene (in person)                      Claudia Miller (in person)  
Keith Elliott (in person)                      Jeff Boyer (in person)  
Bill Thomas (in person)                      Jamie Cain (in person)  
Whitney Vilfer (remote access)              Steve Burnette (remote access)  
Arthur (remote access)

The Commission received the minutes of November 16, 2021, prior to this meeting. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the November 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor was granted to County Commissioner Mr. Gene Greene. He stated that the offer still stands for the County to purchase the parking lot across from the new jail. If the City does not want to sell the property, the County would be interested in accepting a long-term lease. The County would pave, seal, stripe, and maintain the lot, which would cost approximately \$100,000. This would guarantee parking for the County after the jail is completed. The City Manager stated that the City has \$244,000 invested in the lot and that we own a building on the block that we also have to have parking for. Mr. Sang stated he would be more interested in a lease agreement than selling the property. The commission authorized the City Manager to discuss further options with Mr. Greene.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Completed a walk through with Columbia Gas on repair work and restorations. They are off of Second Avenue and now doing restorative work on First Avenue, making some cuts on Fourth Avenue, and will come back to do restorations on Second Avenue. He is concerned with the temporary fill on the sidewalks due to it sinking. The current restorations are temporary and they will come back in the spring to complete them. Mr. Saunders commended the hospital for loaning us their digital signs for road closures.
- Received a quote and has been in contact with an experienced gentleman in restoring the clock at the park. Repair work will not begin on the clock until after Gallipolis In Lights is over.
- A staff meeting was held with department heads and he will be meeting with them individually.



- Presented an updated proposed fire contract with Green Township that includes the housing of a fire truck at their garage. Mr. Saunders wanted to get the commissions approval before executing the contract. Mr. Sang made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute said contract, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- An appointment of two commissioners is needed for the Volunteer Firefighters Dependent Fund board. Mr. Sang made a motion to appoint Mr. Fulks and Mr. Gallagher to the board, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the appointment, all votes were yes.
- The outside Municipal Building restrooms are now open to the public and are set on a timer from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he received a letter from Mr. Jamie Cain with Grahams Towing, concerning a letter that Mr. Cain received from Code Enforcement about parking and cars on his lot. The rest of the commission also received the same letter. The City Manager stated that the letter was in reference to vehicles remaining on his lot and parked along the street. He is not trying to interfere with Mr. Cain's business but is enforcing ordinances to improve the appearance of the community. There are vehicles on the lot that have not moved for a long period of time. Mr. Cain stated that he has around 10-15 vehicles on his lot due to individuals not paying their repair bills. He felt that he could not legally remove the cars but a few vehicles have been moved since receiving the letter. Mr. Saunders stated that some of the vehicles could meet the criteria of "abandoned vehicle" under the Ohio Revised Code. He said that as long as he is showing effort in getting the vehicles removed, the City is going to work with him and help to find a remedy. Mr. Cain will share the vehicle information on his lot with Code Enforcement and the Police Department.

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

An application for a liquor license change of LLC membership interests for Speedway LLC was presented to the commission. Mr. Fulks made a motion to not request a hearing on the application, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch informed the commission that department heads have been turning in their 2022 budget requests and meetings will soon be scheduled with each department.

The City Solicitor is waiting on the County Prosecutor to get back with her on preparing a contract for the City to operate the street sweeper at the airport as previously discussed. Ms. Noe also reported that the state contacted her on the piece of property on 588 that we were donating. She sent the deed in to her contact with the state and they responded they were under the assumption that we were donating the whole parcel. She is waiting on the state to get back with her with what they want to pursue. Also, we are signed up for the larger opioid settlement that was passed as an ordinance. There is also a smaller opioid settlement but we did not get signed up because the information was not sent to us because of our population. She did request for information be sent to her in case we may apply for the smaller settlement also.

Mr. Fulks commented how great the lights in the park look and said that Gallipolis In Lights "knocked it out of the park this year". He commended the City Manager on getting the City workers downtown and getting the park cleaned up. Mr. Fulks also wanted to express his appreciation to Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Sang for their great work as City Commissioners. He hopes that more younger people will want to take an imitative to serve as commissioners because the future is theirs.

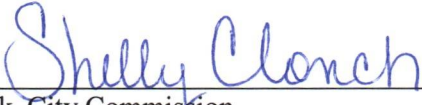
Mr. Sang mentioned that there is no stop sign at the intersection of Sycamore Street and Third Avenue going towards the river. He suggested we look into putting one up to prevent any accidents from occurring.

Mr. Caldwell took a moment to thank all the employees he has got to work with while serving as City Commissioner.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. O2021-10 entitled **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO CODY C CALDWELL**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. O2021-11 entitled **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLIPOLIS CITY COMMISSION TO T BEAU SANG**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

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

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission