

December 8, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in virtual special session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter and Emergency Ohio Sub House Bill 197.

Commission Vice-President Michael Fulks called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for attending.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President (remote access)
 Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)
 Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (remote access)
 T. Beau Sang, Member (remote access)

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager (in person)
 Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)
 Annette M. Landers, City Auditor (in person)
 Bethany Sergent, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)
 Ronnie Lynch (in person) Karen McCarty (remote access)
 Jeff Boyer (remote access) Marvin Ours (remote access)
 Levi Lamp (remote access) Erica Chronaberry (remote access)
 Scott Cline (remote access) Jacob Emery (remote access)

The City Manager began *Privilege of Floor* by inviting guests from the Columbia Gas project to speak. Mr. Scott Cline, representing Columbia Gas, spoke first. He thanked everyone for their patience with the challenging environment during the project. He also thanked Commissioners for the opportunity to address concerns. Mr. Fulks stated that he thought that the project worked more smoothly during the beginning in regard to filling and sealing cuts. Things began slipping toward the end of 2019 when workers stopped checking the cuts for problems. There were so many cuts in the streets that cars were going airborne over and over between cuts. Flaggers are standing on the corners and not actively helping direct traffic, which is causing frustration for drivers.

Mr. Brown said things seemed to go downhill around mid-summer. Being confined to a wheel chair, his main concern has been the sidewalks. He showed some samples of the large pieces of limestone being used to fill the cuts in the sidewalks. This size stone is not conducive for wheelchairs, walkers, or canes. Another complaint was the placement of gas meters and regulators, which in some places look horrible. He mentioned some specific examples, as well as some instances where grass was not reseeded and proper drainage not maintained.

Mr. Gallagher said that he has received complaints about the flaggers from residents. He also is concerned about people in wheelchairs, etc.

Mr. Sang spoke positively of the experience he has had as a business owner on Eastern Avenue. Workers on that part of the project have been very accommodating.

Mr. Fulks noted that several places on Vine Street have not been taken care of. Mr. Lozier added that the work there was done in September & October, but the hard surface repairs have not been made. He asked what the usual timeframe is for following up with the hard surface repairs. Mr. Cline explained that they had to do some of the work out of sequence to accommodate the City's paving projects. He apologized for the complaints that the Commissioners have been receiving. He asked for prompt feedback on specific

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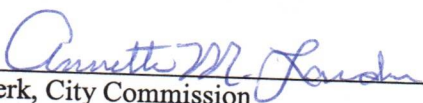
complaints, so that they can attend to issues quickly. He said he was not sure about the crushed stone, but that acquiring needed materials has been a problem this year with the COVID closures and restrictions. They have been trying to keep in at least weekly communication with the City on issues. They have been working with property owners on placement of meters & regulators, but must ultimately follow regulations and protocols. Weather has also played a role in delaying final restoration. They are trying to really concentrate on this over the next week.

Ms. Chronaberry, also with Columbia Gas, offered to serve as liaison to resolve issues. She provided her cell phone number. Mr. Fulks suggested that people contact the City Manager to keep him in the loop.

Mr. Lozier asked when the sidewalks would be repaired. Mr. Cline said he would need to get with the project manager before he could answer. Mr. Jacob Emery, representing R&R Pipelines, asked if he could get a schedule of when particular sidewalk areas would be busy, adding that streets have been their main concern. Mr. Lozier told him that the City Park would be very busy until early January. He encouraged Mr. Emery to do a quality job of restoration, adding that Second Avenue was a very smooth roadway prior to all of the cuts. The City does not want to deal with a rough road for the next ten years until it is up again for repaving. Mr. Emery apologized to Mr. Brown for the inconvenience that he has experienced. He promised to be more mindful.

Mr. Fulks asked if there were any more comments and thanked everyone for their attendance and willingness to address issues. He said he has no complaints with the responsiveness of workers to residents. Mr. Cline said that they will be following up with the City Manager tomorrow on some of the issues he had. Mr. Lozier suggested getting a schedule into the newspaper so residents will know when and where to expect work to be happening. Ms. Chronaberry agreed to provide this.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission