

December 15, 2015

The Gallipolis City Commission met in ~~special~~ session on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:00 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 C. Fulks, Member  
 W. Matthew Johnson, Member

Michael W. Brown, Member, arrived during the comments and concerns of the City Commission portion of the agenda.

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  
 Ronnie Lynch                      Marvin Vanderberg              Matt Champlin  
 Keith Elliott                      Joy Elliott                      Mark Curry  
 Randy Breech                      John Saunders                      Mary Lee Marchi  
 Scott Saunders

Commission received the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The County held a pre-construction meeting on the Green Sewer Line Project. Construction will begin soon. Some equipment and materials are already on the job site. C.J. Hughes of Huntington and Field Excavating of Kitts Hill, Ohio, were selected for the project.
- Gallipolis City Police conducted their hat drive, collecting around \$5,500 for the Christmas Project to benefit needy local school children. He thanked the Police Department for their support of that program.
- The Maintenance Department has been repairing and replacing water lines, fixing water leaks, and doing sewer repairs. They have also installed the new sewer main line to the spruce street lift station, part of the lift station improvements project.
- The Streets and Parks Departments have been repairing pot holes, grading Spruce Street, and will soon be ending their annual leaf pick-up program.
- The Tax Department is scrambling to meet the January 1 deadline for enactment of new tax laws in compliance with HB5. Tax Administrator Ronnie Lynch added that he has been busy e-mailing back and forth with the consultant to assure that the final draft is ready in time.
- The Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund needs two Commissioners to agree to serve for a one-year term, beginning January 1, 2016. Mr. Fulks and Mr. Johnson offered to serve.
- Mr. Greene requested executive session to discuss health insurance contract negotiations.

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.

Ms. Landers explained that most of the appropriation changes on tonight's agenda are to remove excess appropriations for projects that we will not be doing this year. There were no questions on the listed changes.

The City Solicitor requested executive session to discuss pending legal matters.

President Wallis opened discussion of when to set a special meeting to adopt the new tax legislation. After a short discussion, the Commission decided to meet again on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 p.m. At this point, Mr. Brown arrived and apologized for forgetting the change in meeting time.

President Wallis verified with the City Solicitor that the Commission's reorganizational meeting is set by Charter for January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8 p.m.

Concerning when teardown of the Christmas display in the park would begin, Mr. Johnson said that it would begin around January 9<sup>th</sup>. President Wallis said that they are still working to find storage space for the decorations.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-61 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2014-71, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-04, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-23, AMENDING SECTION C6, COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES, AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** 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. O2015-62 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN GALLIPOLIS REVITALIZATION DISTRICT.** Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. President Wallis described the boundaries of the district. Mr. Salisbury said it includes everything but residential zoned areas from Vine Street to Sycamore Street and First Avenue to Fourth Avenue, as well as the Neighborhood Commercial zone near Vinton Avenue and SR 160. 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. O2015-63 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR MARCH 15, 2016, THE ISSUE OF A LOCAL ELECTION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION DISTRICT.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Mr. Johnson explained that the underlying state law applies only to dining establishments. For every 5 acres included in the district, you can get another D-5 liquor license. With 30 acres in the district, it would allow a possible six additional licenses. If a restaurant that obtains one of the licenses fails, the license cannot be transferred out of the boundaries of the district. Mr. Salisbury explained that there are no Sunday sales with these permits. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

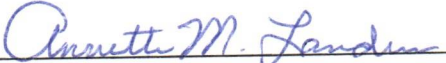
There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2015-64 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2015-16, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-24, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-29, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-36, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-41, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-49, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-52, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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. O2015-65 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL, DRUG AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt this ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. President Wallis emphasized that adoption of this ordinance gives the City Manager the authorization to negotiate the contract for the City. 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. O2015-66 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2015-17, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-25, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-50, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2015-53, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown 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.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contracts/health insurance negotiations and pending legal matters, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call to enter executive session for contracts/health insurance negotiations and pending legal matters, all votes were yes. Upon completion of executive session, Commission returned to special session.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission