

January 4, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 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 Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President (in person)  
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President (in person)  
Michael W. Brown, Member (in person)  
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, 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)                      Jeff Boyer (in person)  
Randy Breech (in person)                     John Saunders (in person)  
Keith Elliott (remote access)                Whitney Vilfer (remote access)  
Arthur (remote access)

The commission received the minutes of December 7, 2021, and January 3, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the December 7<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the January 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Larry Taylor with Volunteer Energy. Mr. Taylor administers the City's gas aggregation program. He explained the aggregation program, which is a guaranteed 5% savings on the SEO rate that residents would be charged from Columbia Gas. Out of 200 aggregation programs they administer, only twelve of those receive a civic grant rebate with Gallipolis being one of the twelve. For every MCF of gas used, volunteer energy donates back to the City five cents. He also discussed a subsidiary program they offer through Volley Communications that may give the City a discount on the telephone/internet bills. He will forward more information on the program to Ms. Clonch. Dr. Thomas asked what the number of MCF's the City would typically use? Mr. Taylor responded that the MCF's used generated a civic grant rebate in the amount of \$3,709.11. Mr. Jenkins asked if all of our residents are benefiting from the program and how much savings are the residents seeing? All residents are enrolled in the program unless they choose to opt out. If the average customer uses 100-110 MVF's a year they would see a savings of fifteen to twenty dollars. Mr. Gallagher asked if we were under an annual contract with Volunteer Energy? Mr. Taylor said that it is a two-year agreement, after which the City can renew or go out to competitive bid. If the City goes out to bid, it needs to be done three months before the current agreement ends in November. The commission thanked Mr. Taylor for his time and expressed their appreciation for the presentation of the rebate check.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- R & R Pipeline has completed their work and he has been in contact with the restoration representative with Columbia Gas. They were working on restorations on Fourth Avenue yesterday and will be moving to Second Avenue tomorrow doing temporary capping and will keep traffic flowing with no road closure.

- Representatives with PEP Insurance will be here January 24 – 25 to complete a risk management assessment with departments.
- Would like to recommend that the City send out correspondence to different engineering firms that we can work with for various infrastructure needs and grants. The commission authorized the City Manager to proceed in contacting firms.
- Gallipolis In Lights held their meetings in the conference room of the Municipal Building prior to COVID and have inquired if they could start meeting again. Commissioners encouraged them to use our meeting room.
- Mr. Bostic and himself have been looking at different code ordinances concerning junk cars. He passed out a proposed ordinance and would like to present it at the next meeting if the commission finds it acceptable.
- The Water Plant has been having problems with their slacker that was recently installed and is working to see about the warranty and cost to fix the issue.
- He is looking to get a handle on how we can protect our employees from COVID and a plan on returning to work if infected or exposed. He would like to discuss putting a policy in place for employees. Mr. Jenkins said that he felt that everyone in the building should be vaccinated.
- We will need to schedule budget sessions with the commission and supervisors as soon as possible. He asked the commission to let him know what days or times would be good for them.
- He received a letter from an individual from out of town who stayed all night in Gallipolis over the holidays. They ate locally and enjoyed the lights in the park and said it was the highlight of their Christmas season.
- Informed the commission of the passing of former Chief of Police Joe Owen. A moment of silence was taken to honor him.

The City Auditor presented donations to Gallipolis In Lights for the month of November totaling \$3,800.00. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the November donations, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch presented invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$25,852.00 from PEP of Ohio for property/liability insurance. Inv: 10/1/21. PO: 12/7/21.
- \$25,756.07 from Gallia Rural Water for McCormick Road tie-in. Inv: 10/12/21. PO: 11/1/21.
- \$19,407.79 from Ohio Valley Bank for fire equipment loan. Inv: 10/15/21. PO: 11/1/21.
- \$4,961.07 from Ohio Valley Bank for parking lot loan. Inv: 10/15/21. PO: 11/1/21.
- \$14,561.39 from Ohio Valley Bank for street improvements loan. Inv: 10/15/21. PO: 11/1/21
- \$27,565.96 from Rumpke for October refuse pickup. Inv: 10/19/21. PO: 11/1/21.
- \$5,350.95 from AEP for street lighting. Inv: 10/29/21. PO: 11/1/21.
- \$5,820.50 from Ameer Rees for GIL t-shirts. Inv: 11/4/21. PO: 11/22/21.
- \$3,950.00 from Bobs Market for GIL expenses. Inv: 11/4/21. PO: 11/22/21.
- \$9,044.69 from O'Dell Lumber for pool roof materials. Inv: 11/16/21. PO: 11/17/21.
- \$85,491.30 from US Bank for City buildings loan. Inv: 11/16/21. PO: 11/22/21.
- \$4,000.00 from Magic in the Sky LLC for GIL fireworks. Inv: 11/23/21. PO: 12/7/21.
- \$5,092.92 from Xylem Dewatering Solutions for sewer rental pump. Inv: 11/24/21. PO: 12/7/21.
- \$27,508.69 from Rumpke for November refuse pickup. Inv: 11/30/21. PO: 12/1/21.
- \$11,200.00 from Intuitive Data and Technology for GIL expenses. Inv: 11/23/21. PO: 12/10/21.
- \$6,234.00 from Great Lakes Community Action for GPS data collection. Inv: 10/1/21. PO: 11/4/21.
- \$12,036.79 from Bobs Market for GIL expenses. Inv: 12/2/21. PO: 12/10/21.
- \$5,820.50 from Ameer Rees for GIL t-shirts. Inv: 12/7/21. PO: 12/10/21.
- \$5,581.67 from AEP for street lighting. Inv: 11/29/21. PO: 12/1/21.

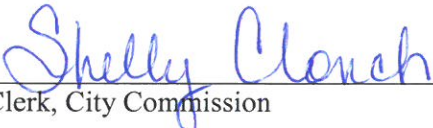
Mr. Brown made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes with Mr. Jenkins abstaining.

The City Solicitor informed the commission that she will be on maternity leave during the next commission meeting. Her father, Brent Saunders, has offered his time and services if needed.

The Commissioners discussed changing the day and time of the required City Commission's first meeting of the month to Monday at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Noe said the commission would have to pass an ordinance or resolution to change the meeting day. She will prepare legislation for the next meeting.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2022-01 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR ASPHALT, LIMESTONE, AND BEDDING SAND**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission