

January 18, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, January 18, 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 C. Fulks, Member (in person)  
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member (in person)

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager (in person)  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor (in person)  
Joseph Boetsch, ABM Building and Energy Solutions  
John Ferragonio, ABM Building and Energy Solutions  
Ronnie Lynch (in person)                      Jeff Boyer (in person)  
Charles Huber (in person)                      Marvin Ours (in person)  
Lester Plymale (in person)                      Jamie Cain (in person)  
Heath Lucas (in person)                      Keith Elliott (remote access)  
Arthur (remote access)

The commission received the minutes of January 4, 2022, prior to this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to accept the January 4<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. John Ferragonio and Mr. Joseph Boetsch with ABM Building and Energy Solutions. They presented a powerpoint presentation explaining the services they provide and what they plan to do in offering a free preliminary assessment. State legislation was put in place to help government entities generate funding and put together infrastructure renewal projects. ABM is offering their services to re-allocate, preserve, and generate resources to do major renovation projects in the City, especially in the areas of energy savings, water meters, water lines, and sewer lines. Their company would help the City to develop a 15 to 20-year capital needs plan and they also assist in project grants to pursue alternative revenue. The legislation passed allows governing bodies to choose a company to do business with according to their needs. It is guaranteed pricing, no change orders, and a guaranteed outcome. The projects can be funded through bonds or a municipal lease through a local bank. ABM can run an analysis at no cost to the City. An assessment will be done and they would deliver an opinion on whether the City would benefit from the program. After an analysis is completed and the City decides to proceed with the proposed services, the City would use federal procurement to make their selection and sign a developmental agreement. ABM will return on January 27<sup>th</sup> with engineers to begin the free analysis. All commissioners were agreeable for them to proceed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Recognized the City maintenance crews for the long hours and hard work put in on snow removal and getting the streets cleared.
- The gas project restoration crew has completed temporary capping on Second Avenue and will be back in the spring to complete the asphalt restoration.

- Recently spoke at a chamber podcast and also attended a Gallipolis in Lights meeting and a CIC meeting.
- Will be following up on the water/sewer line mapping project by coordinating with an RCAP representative on a start date. This project will take a lot of input from the City on locating lines.
- Mayors Partnership for Progress is offering seminars for local government issues that he will be taking part in.
- Reminded commission that PEP will be here January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to complete a risk assessment.
- Started in-house budget reviews today with five department heads and will finish up on Thursday with the remaining departments. He would like to set up meetings starting next week with the commissioners.

The City Auditor presented three invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$3,500.00 from Mount's Tree Service for tree removal at Haskins Park. Inv: 11/1/21. PO: 1/7/22.
- \$4,500.00 from Gallia County Auditor for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter indigent fees. Inv: 12/27/21. PO: 1/3/22.
- \$27,432.33 from Rumpke for December refuse pickup. Inv: 12/17/21. PO: 1/3/22.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve payments, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Mr. Jenkins recognized Mount's Tree Service for donating their work in the City Park at no charge to the City.

Ms. Clonch presented the December 2021 financial statement for approval. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the December financial statement, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The Auditor informed commissioners of the annual chamber dinner to be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> and asked them to let her know if they were interested in attending.

Mr. Gallagher spoke and said that he received compliments from residents and from an individual from out of town on how good our streets looked after City crews worked on the snow removal.

Dr. Thomas said that he was contacted about placing a memorial tree or plaque in the park in memory of a former Gallipolis resident. Mr. Saunders said that we haven't done the trees in a while but we do have the memorial bricks that can be purchased and placed in the sidewalk at the park.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2022-01 entitled **A 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. Jenkins made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place this resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. R2022-02 entitled **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GALLIPOLIS RAILROAD FREIGHT STATION MUSEUM'S APPLICATION TO THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION FOR THE CULTURAL & SPORT FACILITIES GRANT FOR A REHABILITATION & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Dr. Thomas stated that he is a board member at the freight station, and anything that would involve monies, he would be abstaining. Upon voice vote to place this resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

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

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2022-02 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 121.01, REGULAR MEETINGS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Jenkins asked about the water and sewer rates and why the rate increase was suspended last year. He felt this increase needed to be reinstated due to upcoming projects and inflation. Mr. Fulks said that he thought the suspension was only for last year and would be reinstated this year. They will look into the ordinance.

Mr. Jenkins also mentioned that residents need to be made aware when the trash company will be running a day later due to holidays or other circumstances.

The commissioners were given a list of board appointments that needed to be made and were appointed as follows:

Family and Children First Council – Mr. Gallagher  
Ariel Theatre – Mr. Brown  
Gallipolis in Bloom – Dr. Thomas  
Our House Committee – Dr. Thomas  
CIC Executive Committee – City Manager Mr. Saunders and Mr. Gallagher  
Gallia Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau – Mr. Fulks  
Fair Housing Board – Mr. Fulks

Mr. Charles Huber spoke up about concerns on the gas project with large trucks shaking their walls. Mr. Marvin Ours agreed and also had complaints about the seeding of grass after digging and damages caused while replacing the gas lines. Mr. Saunders said that the restoration supervisor is on vacation right now but he will have a discussion with him when he returns.

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