

April 18, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 5:00 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Commission President Tony Gallagher calling 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)  
(Michael C. Fulks, Member, arrived later in the meeting)

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager (in person)  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor (in person)  
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (in person)  
Ronnie Lynch (in person)                      Diana Love (in person)  
Lester Plymale (in person)                  John Ferragonio (in person)  
Keith Elliott (remote access)              Marvin Ours (remote access)

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

The City Manager reported on the following:

- City Maintenance crews will be flushing hydrants starting this evening at 7:30 p.m. A notify now call was sent out to all those on City water. Tonight's flushing will be primarily in town and tomorrow night will be hydrants out of town. We will be watching closely after flow tests were completed on the hydrants and found some water pressure issues.
- Contractors for Columbia Gas are back in town and are working on restorative work on First Avenue removing the 2" cap and sealing it with asphalt. Mr. Brown asked if there was a list prepared of restorative work needed as discussed at a prior meeting. He requested a copy of the list that was prepared.
- There are first reading ordinances tonight on the agenda for a contract with ABM for energy savings and also for Burgess & Niple for engineering for the Oakwood Drive slip. If the Burgess & Niple ordinance is placed on first reading, they will start their aerial pictures at the end of this week.
- A retirement lunch will be held for Ed Waggoner on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> starting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are working on finalizing a contract with Mr. Waggoner for his services.
- Had contacts last week with different representatives/brokers on the gas aggregation since our current provider filed bankruptcy. He will get some more information and see if we should go back onto the market to look for a new provider.
- There has been no update from the state on the State Route 588 slide and we will continue to monitor the area.
- There was a positive turnout for the fishing tournament over the weekend. Mr. Gallagher commented that they had 85 boats and over 200 fishermen. He said they told him that all proceeds go to help those fighting cancer.

- Received notification and submitted a request for congressional discretionary spending. It could be a shot in the dark, but we submitted an application for a new fire engine.
- The Police Department is submitting an application proposal for ARP monies for personnel costs that Governor Dewine announced a 250 million appropriation for.
- We received a thank you card from former City Auditor Annette Landers for the sympathy gift she received from the City.

City Commissioner Michael C. Fulks arrived following the City Manager's report.

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

- \$6,480.00 from Allcom for email account hosting server. Inv: 3/10/22. PO: 3/16/22
- \$27,413.24 from Rumpke for March refuse pickup. Inv: 3/17/22. PO: 4/4/22.

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

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

Mr. Gallagher mentioned that the property slipping on State Route 588 looks really bad. The City Manager said that the Police Department is monitoring the slip and we plan to get caution signs put out by the road.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2022-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the 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 second reading an Ordinance No. O2022-11 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FORMALLY ACCEPT A SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (SOPEC) GRANT ISSUED TO THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. 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. O2022-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH BURGESS & NIPLE FOR A LANDSLIDE ON OAKWOOD DRIVE.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2022-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER NO. 921.05 WATER RATES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to place this ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. The City Manager stated that this ordinance is to codify the rate increase freeze for 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, which were previously done by motion. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2022-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF ABM FACILITY SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC THROUGH FAR 552.238-79 USE OF FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTS BY NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES (JUL 2016) TO CONDUCT AN INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO HOUSE BILL 420-127<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SECTION 717.02 OF OHIO REVISED CODE OR OTHER OHIO LEGISLATION.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Brown asked why this ordinance was put on the agenda last minute tonight. He felt that the public should have a chance to review it before being presented. Upon voice vote to place this ordinance on first reading, Mr. Fulks, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Jenkins voted yes, Mr. Brown voted no.

Dr. Thomas read the following proclamation in recognition of the grand opening of the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum.

WHEREAS, The Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum will be celebrating the Museum's open house on April 30, 2022, and whereas the many volunteers, supporters, and benefactors of the Museum are to be commended for collective efforts and endless commitment to the restoration and preservation of Gallipolis' prominence as a business community supported by railroad commerce; WHEREAS, The Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station was constructed in 1901 and operated in Gallipolis until its closure in 1981, while passenger service was discontinued in 1949; following years of closure the Freight Station was purchased by the City of Gallipolis and in 2016 the property was deeded to the local Freight Museum for the sum of one dollar.

WHEREAS, advocacy for the Freight Station's restoration accumulated with an Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Grant and major support from the State's Capital Projects fund allowing the tedious and meticulous work of restoration to continue; and

WHEREAS, the Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum will house train cars, model trains, artifacts, historic relics, and memorabilia of the railroad era and will be an attraction designation for the Gallipolis community, and whereas the City Commission and the City of Gallipolis extends our congratulations and thanks to all those who selflessly contributed to the remarkable restoration.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he has gone through the County Treasurer and the County Auditor to look and see what our fire levy presently is that has been in effect since 1999. He has a phone call set up with them on the 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the levy and valuation changes.

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