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January 7, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6 p.m., at the Gallipolis Municipal Building, 333 Third Avenue, having complied with Section 9 of the City Charter.

Commission President Cody Caldwell called the meeting to order. He invited anyone who might be interested in leading an invocation in future to let him know.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Cody C. Caldwell, President
Michael C. Fulks, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member

Others attending were:

Theodore R. Lozier, City Manager
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor
Shelly Clonch, Assistant Auditor/Clerk
Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune
Ronnie Lynch Gene Greene Jeff Boyer
Joy Elliott Keith Elliott Randy Breech

Mr. Gallagher requested to make a point of order. He said that at the last meeting, the president participated in making a motion or a second, which is not permitted. He said he was not contesting that vote, but just pointing this out for future reference. Mr. Fulks pointed out that, although he opened the meeting as the former president, he was not president when he made a motion to nominate Mr. Caldwell as president. There was no president at that point.

Commission received the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting prior to this meeting. There being no corrections, objections, or additions, these minutes were approved.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- With the start of the new year and a new Commission, Mr. Lozier said that he is looking forward to working together to help the City grow and prosper. Mr. Lozier suggested having a working/planning session soon to discuss areas of concern and to create priorities and goals going forward. This was met with support from the Commissioners.
- Gallipolis in Lights is in the process of removing lights, decorations, and recycling the cut Christmas trees. The City crew has collected electrical boxes. The stage will be removed later and clean-up completed once everything is removed. He will be meeting with the GIL leadership to review the overall event.
- The boat docks have been moved to Chickamauga Creek for the winter.
- The leaf pick-up program is finishing up.
- Columbia Gas' subcontractors are working on road repairs, most recently on Third Avenue. They will be repairing wherever they cut on residents' properties, as well.
- We are continuing to monitor the slip on Route 141 across from the radio station. We are working to get some grant money for that repair.
- The electric vehicle recharging stations have been ordered. We are waiting for delivery, hopefully in the next week or two. Installation will follow immediately.

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

- \$4,192.09 from Chemco Equipment for WTP slaker repair. Inv: 12/16/19. PO: 12/20/19.
- \$5,142.61 from AEP for November street lights. Inv: 11/26/19. PO: 12/2/19.

Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The December 2019 Financial Statement was presented for approval. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the December Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch announced the date & time for the annual Gallia County Chamber dinner. Mr. Fulks and Mr. Caldwell plan to attend. Anyone else should let Ms. Clonch know by tomorrow morning.

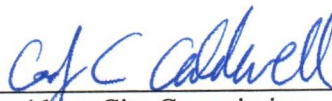
The City Solicitor spoke of her need for an Assistant Solicitor. She is looking into the possibility of sharing an employee a few hours per week with the County Prosecutor's office.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to add Veterans Day as a paid holiday off for employees, seconded by Mr. Brown. Discussion centered the need to honor our veterans, encourage our employees, and on the added cost of an extra paid holiday, especially in the Police Department. Commissioners asked to have the City Auditor calculate the added cost. Mr. Fulks made a motion to table the motion. There was no second. Mr. Fulks called the question. Upon voice vote on the motion, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Brown voted yes. Mr. Fulks and Mr. Caldwell voted no. Motion failed.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency an Ordinance No. O2020-01 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE DEED TO THE VACATED PROPERTY ON PINE STREET IN THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS**. Due to the absence of a Commissioner, Mr. Fulks made a motion to amend the emergency ordinance O2020-01 to place on first reading, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Upon roll call amend from emergency to first reading and 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