

February 25, 2020

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special work session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 5:30 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.

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  
T. Beau Sang, Member

Others attending were:

Dean Wright, Gallipolis Daily Tribune  
Ronnie Lynch

Mr. Lozier led the discussion for the work session. He stated that this work session was for discussion of ideas, but not to make any decisions. The first topic of discussion was guiding principles for conduct of meetings. Commissioners discussed whether they might consider time limits for presentations for *Privilege of Floor*. Should those addressing the Commission use the podium? President Caldwell said that he would inform the audience of any changes on Tuesday.

Ms. Noe led discussion of executive session, giving the list of approved purposes per the Open Meetings/ Sunshine Law. She reminded Commissioners that discussion during executive sessions need to pertain to the stated purpose for entering executive session.

Whether to include the invocation in the meeting or outside the meeting was also discussed. On the advice of the City Solicitor, President Caldwell instructed that it should be done before the meeting.

Commissioners were asked to choose which committees they want to serve on. Mr. Gallagher did not choose a committee at first, but asked later to serve on the Our House committee. Mr. Caldwell asked for Family and Children First. Mr. Fulks wished to serve Threat Risk Assessment. Mr. Brown chose the Ariel Theatre. Mr. Sang chose Gallipolis in Bloom.

Mr. Lozier and Ms. Landers gave an overview of the budget, again warning of the need to increase revenues in the General Fund and Sewer Fund.

Ms. Noe talked about Codified Ordinance and Charter changes that have come before the Commission. The first concerned the definition of dog shelters. Ms. Noe researched this topic, calling several municipalities to see what others are doing. Most are just using Ohio Revised Code. Our current code gives plenty of leeway for reporting an animal in distress. If we try to tighten definitions, we could make enforcement a problem for officers who do not have time to watch to determine if a dog has been outside for hours or is just outside for a toilet break. It would not make sense to require an owner of an inside dog to construct a shelter outside. This whole problem might just need to rely on people using common sense to report situations of suspected animal abuse to the proper authorities.

On the issue of side-by-sides, our definition already could be interpreted to include them. We could specifically name them in the ordinance to eliminate confusion. There was also some discussion of wording

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to be added to allow for revocation of the permit if violations occur and also wording on the application that says the person is operating at his own risk.

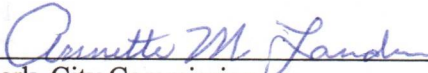
On the topic of utilities making cuts to the roadways, the first item for review was the cost of permits, which are currently \$35. These could be raised to \$100 to \$150, with another charge per linear foot of cut. If the surface is less than 10 years old, we could consider more restrictions on how much they should pay or how extensive the fix should be. Mr. Lozier would like to have an ordinance ready for consideration at our next meeting.

The final topic for discussion concerned economic conditions. For this, those attending were asked to make lists of the following:

- 3 - 5 items they think make Gallipolis strong,
- 3 - 5 things that are weak about Gallipolis, and
- 3 - 4 opportunities that we might capitalize on.

These were shared with the group and will be compiled for future discussions.

There being no further topics to come before the Commission, the work session was adjourned.

  
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Clerk, City Commission

  
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President, City Commission