

August 25, 2021

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 6:00 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 (in person)  
Michael C. Fulks, Vice President (in person)  
T. Beau Sang, Member (in person)

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, Member (in person), arrived at 6:07 p.m., after the vote on executive session.

Others attending were:

Ronnie Lynch, Acting City Manager (in person)  
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (in person)  
Annette M. Landers, City Auditor, City Auditor (in person)  
Bill Thomas (in person) Shelly Clonch (in person)  
Bill Jenkins (in person) Bradie Angell Lewis (in person)  
Kirk Frazee (in person) Whitney Vilfer (remote access)  
William K. Frazee (in person) Hunter Terry (remote access)  
Andrea Lee (remote access) Marvin Ours (remote access)  
Lori Reynolds (remote access) ID'd as Brittany's (remote access)


Commission President Cody Caldwell began discussion of filling the City Auditor position by stating that one of the candidates had called him to ask that the interviews be held in private. He suggested that Commissioners should go into executive session. Mr. Fulks made a motion to go into executive session for personnel: interviews for City Auditor position, seconded by Mr. Sang. Upon roll call on the motion, all three Commissioners present voted yes. Mr. Jenkins spoke up to object to the legality of Commission entering executive session. Mr. Gallagher arrived as this discussion was starting. After some back and forth, Ms. Landers suggested that Commissioners break into groups of two and each group take around fifteen minutes to interview each candidate separately before reconvening in the meeting room for further deliberation. Commissioners agreed to this and broke into groups of two, with one group meeting in the lunch room and the other meeting in the water office.

After around forty minutes, Commissioners reconvened in the meeting room. They thanked the candidates for interviewing and a couple of the Commissioners made comments of how qualified they both seemed. In discussion, Commissioners decided not to call Mr. Brown to make a decision tonight, but to delay to the first meeting in September. Ms. Landers reminded them of the short time remaining before her retirement and her desire to get a new Auditor in place as soon as possible.

Commissioners next discussed the filling of the City Manager position. As a first step, they tweaked the position description to remove any wording on required physical demands for mobility, strength, and vision. This will be updated prior to posting the position. There were no decisions regarding an Interim City Manager.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission