

February 1, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 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. Mr. Gallagher asked all attending to stand and say the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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)  
Michael C. Fulks, Member (in person)

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager (in person)  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor (in person)  
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor (remote access)  
Brittany Hively, Gallipolis Daily Tribune (remote access)  
Ronnie Lynch (in person)                      Jeff Boyer (in person)  
Claudia Miller (in person)                      Dottie Chestnut (in person)  
Randy Breech (in person)                      Scott Fooce (in person)  
Whitney Vilfer (remote access)                      Marvin Ours (remote access)  
Arthur (remote access)                      Keith Elliott (remote access)

The commission received the minutes of January 18, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Fulks made a motion to accept the January 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- A representative from PEP was here on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to complete their risk assessment. Visits were made to the maintenance garage, water plant, wastewater plant, police, and fire department. The visit was very insightful and an action plan was put into place to make corrections.
- Attended the annual chamber dinner on January 27<sup>th</sup> along with Dr. Thomas and Mr. Gallagher.
- Engineers with ABM were onsite last Thursday to begin their costs saving analysis. They will report back with their assessment in the coming weeks.
- Thursday at 10 a.m. is the first round of the Gallia County caucus for Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission meetings. Also on Thursday, Mr. Saunders is registered for a zoom meeting to discuss the bill for infrastructure funding for water/wastewater.
- Congratulated Mr. Keith Elliott and the Fire Department on receiving a \$46,000 MARCS radio grant.
- Will meet tomorrow with Ms. Bryn Stepp, regional liaison with Governor Husted's office.
- Restorative work is being completed by the gas company on driveways and sidewalks.
- Great Lakes Community Action will be here on February 8<sup>th</sup> to begin the water/sewer line mapping project.
- Presented a handout to the commission that showed ratios of water loss and compared water billed to sewer gallons treated.

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

- \$4,493.21 from AEP for street lighting. Inv: 12/30/21. PO: 1/13/22.
- \$6,122.94 from Superfleet for fuel. Inv: 12/12/21. PO: 1/19/22.

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

Mr. Gallagher spoke about the upcoming Winterfest that will be held at the City Park on February 19<sup>th</sup>. He was concerned about a “penguin toss” activity advertised that will consist of throwing snowballs at penguin statues. Mr. Gallagher said he personally did not like that idea. Mr. Brown asked if they would be paying to use the park and for shutting down First Avenue. Mr. Saunders stated that they followed procedure and filed paperwork for the park usage but he wasn’t sure about them paying a fee. He also stated that he feels this will be a nice event and draw a lot of people to the downtown. Mr. Scott Foose spoke up and asked if there would be food trucks. Mr. Saunders said there may a hot chocolate vendor.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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. Fulks made a motion to adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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 adopt this resolution on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this resolution on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading a Resolution No. O2022-03 entitled **A RESOLUTION NAMING GALLIPOLIS CITY MANAGER DOW W SAUNDERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT 15 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2022-04 entitled **A RESOLUTION NAMING GALLIPOLIS AUDITOR SHELLY L CLONCH AS ALTERNATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT 15 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE**. Mr. Brown made a motion to place this resolution on first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. 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. O2022-02 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 121.01, REGULAR MEETINGS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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. O2022-03 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES.** Mr. Brown 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 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