

June 20, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, June 20, 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)  
Michael C. Fulks, Member (in person)

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager (in person)	
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor (in person)	
Ronnie Lynch (in person)	Lester Plymale (in person)
Molly Plymale (in person)	Erin Stevens (in person)
Justin Rice (remote access)	Arthur Miller (remote access)
Marvin Ours (remote access)	Jeff Boyer (remote access)

The commission received the minutes of June 6, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Fulks made a motion to accept the June 6<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Ms. Erin Stevens with Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC), who is currently the electric aggregator for the City. She stated that right now the City is in the middle of its contract and is locked in at a rate of 5.64 kW/hour compared to AEP's rate of 6.92 kW/hour saving residents an average of 18%. Ms. Stevens handed out flyers to commissioners that explained about SOPEC and she emphasized that they have group solar energy plans that the City may look into to supplement energy costs. She presented a plaque to the City for its membership since 2020 and said that Gallipolis is close to receiving an award from the EPA for exceeding a clean energy City. Ms. Stevens also brought a presentation check of \$10,188.43 that the City has already received and will be used for pool lighting.

Mr. Lester Plymale also requested the privilege of the floor to discuss the grass and high weeds between his property and the boat club. He discussed the issue in the past with the Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that the boat club did a halfway decent job one-time last summer of cutting it but it has grown back up. Commissioner Fulks, who is a member of the boat club, said that the Corp of Engineers requires the club to pump sludge from the creek onto the bank and that has to dry out before it can be mowed. He will talk to other members at the boat club to make sure the grass gets cut as soon as it dries out.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Working nonstop to get the pool open after having pump and line problems. The motor for the pump has been repaired by a company out of Saint Albans, WV. If all goes well, we hope to be open on Thursday. Also, he will make additional contact with ODNR to see if they can come and help us with the buzzard issue.

- Last week we had several large trees damaged from the storm. The flag at Mound Hill fell and the pulley got stuck about 20 or 30 feet in the air. He is looking at possibly getting a crane company that can fix the issue and get the flag back up.
- Burgess and Niple's subcontractor were not able to complete core drilling on Oakwood Drive due to equipment being repaired. They hope to get the drilling done next week.
- ABM had subcontractors on site last week for the energy savings program.
- Attended the Downtown Revitalization meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Will be meeting with John Carrey and Josh Wellington at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday morning to discuss the Appalachia grants through OVRDC for possible Downtown Revitalization.
- Attended the TAP meeting with the Railroad Freight Museum and the Ohio Department of Transportation. The board was successful in getting awarded additional funding of \$50,000 from the Governor's capital grant.
- The Ohio Department of Natural Resource grant that we were expecting will be reduced, so instead of a pickleball court, we are possibly looking at frisbee golf.
- An individual with the Rio Grande farmers market has reached out and is interested in bringing vendors into Gallipolis to set up.
- Still working on a fence ordinance concerning ponds/pools and will hopefully have it by the next meeting.
- Water and sewer crews have been repairing an 8" line that got hit by a property owner.

Mr. Gallagher said that he saw that the property owner on State Route 588 with the slip issue has a contractor there moving dirt. Mr. Saunders said he wasn't aware, since it was private property, but would take a look at it.

The City Auditor presented donations to Gallipolis In Lights for the month of April 2022 totaling \$1,530.00 and for the month of May 2022 to Gallipolis In Lights (2,445.00) and Canine Fund (668.85) totaling \$3,113.85. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the April and May donations, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Ms. Clonch presented invoices over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$27,489.60 from Rumpke for May refuse pickup. Inv: 5/17/22. PO: 6/3/22
- \$10,359.43 from Treasurer State of Ohio (OPWC) for loan payments. Inv: 5/15/22. PO: 5/17/22
- \$4,282.38 from AEP for street lights. Inv: 5/31/22. PO: 6/3/22

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

The Auditor also informed the commission that she will be out on vacation leave from July 8 – 17, 2022.

Commissioner Brown said that he has had complaints about loud motorcycles at night on Second Avenue and some even riding on the sidewalks. Mr. Saunders said that he knew that the Chief of Police had talked to a proprietor in the area a couple of months ago about noise late at night and did not know it was still an issue.

Mr. Brown also asked if the commission could get a monthly schedule of events going on in the City for when residents have questions. Mr. Saunders replied that he can have his secretary send each commissioner a schedule.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2022-18 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN**

**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.


There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading an Ordinance No. O2022-19 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TREBEL, LLC AS THE BROKER FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading an Ordinance No. O2022-20 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2022-05, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Ms. Clonch explained the changes of appropriations on the ordinance that include additional funds for unemployment, grant gasoline expenses, and computer software updates. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

The City Manager asked about the next meeting date since the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday falls on their first regularly scheduled monthly meeting. It was decided that they will meet on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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