

August 1, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 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
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael C. Fulks, Member
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor
Ronnie Lynch
Brea Elliott
Jonathan Elliott
Jeff Boyer
Kirk Frazee
Joy Elliott
Keith Elliott
Greg Hall
Lori Hall
Whitney Vilfer (Zoom)
Patricia Rawlins
Kristen Ward
Dottie Chestnut
Claudia Miller

The commission received the minutes of July 5, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Fulks made a motion to accept the July 5th minutes, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. Jonathan and Brea Elliott with Raina's, a dog grooming business located at 61 Court Street. They started their business 15 years ago out of their home and recently leased the building on Court Street to expand their business. Their plans were to continue the grooming business and work up to a boarding/dog daycare. Mr. Elliott spoke with Mr. Bostic in April of this year and filed an application to add the boarding of dogs to the business, and later sat down to meet with the City Manager. He said it's been 15 weeks now and he finally got an answer from Mr. Bostic last week denying his application. Mr. Elliott stated that according to Mr. Bostic, the City Manager said there was no use for it and did not know how to make a use for it in the historic district when it was not an ordinance Citywide. A handout was provided to the commission detailing the floor plan and answering any probable concerns. The City Manager asked if they would have to have a kennel license. Mr. Elliott replied that he spoke with Mr. Jacks at the County Auditor's Office and was told that they would not need a kennel license because they are not breeding dogs. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Elliott, after speaking with him last week, about residents concerned about possible noise with the dogs barking. Mr. Elliott stated that would not be a problem because his contractor can put soundproofing in the walls when doing the remodeling. The City Manager said he understood the remodel would include an indoor dog park and would have a drainage facility for dog waste. Mr. Elliott said he knew there were concerns with where they would take the dogs to use the bathroom and that is where they had the idea for the indoor park that would keep the dogs indoors. The City Manager stated Mr. Bostic has been out sick but he has recommended a hearing for him with the Planning Commission. Mr. Jenkins agreed that he would have to go through the proper procedures with the hearing.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- We received a letter from OPWC informing us that we were awarded funding that would cover up to 90% of funding for the Oakwood Drive slip up to a maximum of \$630,000. The engineering estimate from Burgess & Niple is \$700,000. There is a first reading of a resolution on the agenda tonight to proceed with the process.
- SOPEC, our electric aggregation provider for City residents and small businesses, has offered to apply for a program for our City governmental accounts that would give us an estimated savings of 10-15%.
- Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Gallipolis Police Department was awarded an ARPA grant in the amount of \$155,579.
- On the agenda tonight is a compensation ordinance for a \$2.00 wage adjustment for all City employees who have not had an increase since 2017. This will help with the retention and recruitment of patrol officers.
- An ordinance is on the agenda tonight also for the \$95,000 issuance of bonds for the Fire Department's USDA grant. If possible, this needs to be passed as an emergency at the next meeting to avoid additional costs.
- We received a letter from the City Schools requesting to vacate a portion of the alley on Mulberry Drive. At the pleasure of the commission, we can prepare legislation to present at the next meeting.

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

- \$28,024.12 from Rumpke for June refuse pickup. Inv: 6/16/22. PO: 7/1/22
- \$4,189.32 from AEP for street lighting. Inv: 6/29/22. PO: 7/1/22.

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

Ms. Clonch presented the June 2022 financial statement for approval. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the June financial statement, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The Auditor also informed the Commission that the City received the 2nd tranche of ARP funds in the amount of \$186,990.92.

The City Solicitor said that she also received the letter that the City Manager mentioned vacating a portion of the alley on Mulberry Drive. The school board has purchased property on the portion that they are requesting. She was provided the deeds and will pull parcel numbers for confirmation and can prepare the legislation for the next meeting.

Mr. Gallagher stated that tomorrow is a special election and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2022-09 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 277 ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Ms. Clonch stated that we received our first payment of the opioid settlement in the amount of \$3,644.81, which is the first of 18 annual payments. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2022-10 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AS REQUIRED. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-21 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$95,000 FIRE EQUIPMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING FIRE RESCUE SCBA EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

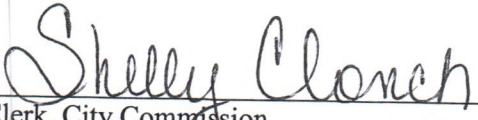
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-22 entitled **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-23 entitled **AN ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE VILLAGE OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO FOR THE REMOVAL AND CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-24 entitled **AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-25 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE CORPORATION BOUNDARIES PID No. 102700 County/Route/Section: GAL SR7 19.391.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote to place the 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