

September 6, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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 an invocation given by Mr. Gallagher.

Commission President Tony Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Albert "Tony" Gallagher, President
William "Bill" Thomas, Vice-President
Michael W. Brown, Member
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
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News (Zoom)
Ronnie Lynch Joy Elliott Keith Elliott
Jeff Boyer Claudia Miller Dottie Chestnut
Bob Hood Marvin Ours Arthur (Zoom)

The commission received the minutes of August 15, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the August 15th minutes, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Sent out to commission a preliminary engineering packet update from Burgess & Niple on the results of the Oakwood Drive slide. He passed out the 2nd phase engineering agreement that is on the agenda tonight. They hope to open bids around Christmas, with work to start in January and hopefully be finished in April. The work will be funded 90% through the OPWC grant of up to \$630,000.00.
- There is a resolution on the agenda tonight to apply for OPWC funds for paving. We have received a quote for the paving costs for the remainder of Third Avenue to Sycamore Street, 2nd Avenue from Sycamore Street to Mill Creek, and part of Chillicothe Road. He will prepare the application and have a preliminary meeting with the County Engineer.
- The Blue Fountain Lift Station is in need of major renovations. We currently have a pump down and there is a company coming to look at it tomorrow. In previous years, E. L. Robinson designed the specifications for the project and it was bid out, but the bids came in two different times well over 10% of the engineer's estimate. We are working with them again to get an updated estimate and possibly try to find some grant funds for the project.
- Ted Gilfert with Traffic Light Certification stopped in to speak with him and Mr. Westfall concerning the light at Bridgeport Equipment and Aldi. There is a problem with the sensors for the light there due to the slope on the blacktop which is causing a lot of traffic to back up on Eastern Avenue. He is recommending we use radar detection there, which would cost between twelve to twenty thousand dollars and would help traffic flow immensely. Mr. Jenkins felt that the whole traffic light system needs to be looked at and we should talk with ODOT about possible safety funds for state highways.

- Appreciated the City Commissioners' attendance at the recent visit from Governor Mike DeWine announcing the police grant.
- Repair of the sinkhole at Cedar Street was more challenging than anticipated. We used our crews for labor and purchased piping from the County, rented protective devices from Toler Construction, and used Rod Clary's excavating services.
- The Maintenance Department is continuing to experience a lot of water leaks which has led to reduced pumping at the Water Treatment Plant due to the water loss.
- Will be attending the Mayors Partnership meeting on Thursday.
- Presented a handout on the Appalachia grant with funds being handled by the Regional Development Commissions. He will be meeting with Ken Reed next Monday for possible funding ideas.
- OVRDC has 4 meetings per year and has chosen their next meeting location to be at our City Park on September 23rd which will give Gallipolis some great exposure.

Mr. Gallagher recognized and congratulated Mr. Bob Hood as the new Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

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

- \$4,240.32 from AEP for street lights. Inv: 7/29/22. PO: 8/5/22
- \$4,792.80 from Allcom for anti-virus software. Inv: 8/5/22. PO: 8/17/22.
- \$12,141.00 from Gallia Jackson Meigs ADAMH Board for health recovery services. Inv: 8/4/22. PO: 8/17/22.

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

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

The City Auditor stated she sent out a memo in the Commissioner's packets explaining the amendments for the appropriations/transfers ordinances on the agenda tonight and to feel free to ask if they had any questions. She said more than likely there will be changes before the second reading due to ongoing repairs/projects. Also, she is working on the alternate tax budget that is due to the County by the end of the month and will have it at the next meeting for approval by the Commission.

The City Solicitor said the Ohio Municipal League sent out a notice for the opioid settlement fund. They will be reaching out to all of the cities and municipalities within the next week or two to set up registration for financial transfers. She is hoping they will give information out on possible regional funding.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Resolution No. R2022-11 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 233 OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT**. Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this resolution on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2022-12 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER DOW W SAUNDERS 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 CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED**. The City Manager recommended that the rules are suspended and this resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on the first

reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2022-13 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC, ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.** The City Manager recommended that the rules are suspended and this resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt this resolution on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2022-26 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE TERM LIFE INSURANCE AND AD&D COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-27 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Dr. Thomas stated that this was no conflict with his practice as he is not on their panel. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

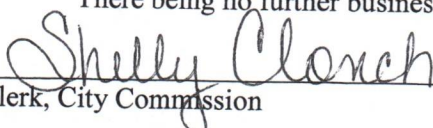
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-28 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

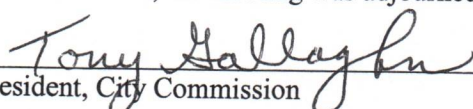
There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-29 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2022-06, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-30 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2022-05, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2022-20 SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.** 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 the first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Jenkins mentioned that the income tax levy is coming up soon in November and the City is in dire need of it to pass in order to operate. We need to get information out to educate and encourage the public to vote for this levy. The City Manager suggested putting information on the website and making up flyers to hand out.

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


Clerk, City Commission


President, City Commission