

September 20, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in a special session on Tuesday, September 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 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 Lester Plymale Dottie Chestnut
Marvin Ours (Zoom)

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

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The OVRDC is having its quarterly meeting Friday at the City Park which is a great way to showcase our park and downtown. He commended City crews on painting, mowing, pulling weeds, and getting the park looking nice. The guest speaker for the meeting is the director of Broadband Ohio. If any of the Commissioners are interested in attending, he can get them registered.
- The Police Department received official notification and signed off on our award of ARP funding for the recruitment and retention of officers.
- The Ohio EPA will have an open house infrastructure meeting in Logan on Thursday morning that he is going to try to attend. We hope to be eligible for funding for water line replacement.
- He has been working with Mr. Westfall in preparing the OPWC grant for paving with the application being due Oct 6-7. We also are going to try to apply for funding for the Blue Fountain lift station renovation and are working with E. L. Robinson to get cost estimates.

Mr. Gallagher asked about paint that is still on the roads around the park from the hoop project. Mr. Saunders replied that he has noticed a couple of spots that have not washed off yet. Mr. Gallagher said that in the past it has been brought up and the hoop project coordinator had to go over and power wash it. Mr. Saunders will look into it.

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

- \$27,413.24 from Rumpke for refuse pickup. Inv: 8/17/22. PO: 9/1/22
- \$4,801.70 from Bob's Market for Gallipolis in Lights expenses. Inv: 9/7/22. PO: 9/12/22.

Mr. Brown 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 2023 Alternate Tax Budget for approval. The hearing with the County will take place on October 11th at 10:30 a.m. She stated that this is basically a rough draft of the beginning of the budget process for 2023. Mr. Fulks made a motion to approve the 2023 Alternate Tax Budget, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

Also presented to the commission was a liquor license transfer from Billy Joe & Joann Patterson DBA: Dock Inn to Wells Dock Inn Inc. Chief Boyer spoke and said Wells Dock Inn is the same owner as Hogg Haven and he is not happy with the complaints concerning the bar that range from loud music to fights. The department responds there frequently. He has a copy of the transfer on his desk but has not signed it yet. The last time we requested a hearing on a transfer, the state did not rule in our favor due to there being no major violations. The commission recommended that Mr. Boyer submits to them a written list of calls and complaints and they will decide at the next meeting if they would like to request a hearing.

The City Auditor went over the changes to the appropriations and transfers ordinance that is on second reading tonight and were included in the Commissioner's packet. The changes included increasing the general fund (\$17,259.07) for larger tax refunds, an increase in our property/liability insurance premium, and payments to the Law Library. There was an increase in special revenue funds (\$14,500.00) and capital project funds (\$14,500.00) due to the USDA retaining 10% of the fire grant until all receipts are submitted for payment of equipment. Lastly, funds were added to the WPC replacement & improvement fund (\$40,000.00) for repairs to the Blue Fountain lift station and storm sewer repairs on Cedar Street.

The City Solicitor was contacted by the County Prosecutor's Office concerning the local government fund distribution. Typically, the money comes to the County and the budget commission distributes it. There was an agreement made for 5 years and they presumed it included the coming year and it does not. They are wanting to see if all entities would agree to keep everything the same for the upcoming year for distributions which have been based on population size. The Commission was in agreement to keep it the same for the coming year.

Dr. Thomas spoke to Chief Elliott about the house fire on First Avenue and said that he was amazed the Fire Department was able to save the adjacent house. Mr. Elliot said the guys did a fabulous job with mutual aid from the Point Pleasant Fire Department, who automatically comes to aid when there is a structure fire in Gallipolis Township. With structures being so close together on that block of First Avenue, we could have very easily lost half of the block. The firefighters were able to set up a water curtain to protect the other structures. Harrison Fire Department came in later to aid with the mopping-up process.

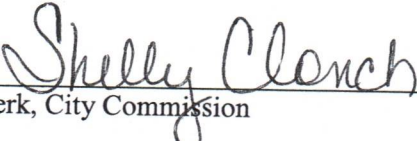
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2022-27 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to 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 second reading Ordinance No. O2022-28 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR HIGHWAY DE-ICING SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, AND COLD MIX.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. 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 second reading Ordinance No. O2022-29 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2022-06, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to accept the amendments to the ordinance, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to accept the amendments, all votes were yes. 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 the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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. Fulks made a motion to accept the amendments to the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to accept the amendments, all votes were yes. Mr. Fulks 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 being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission