

November 7, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 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  
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  
Jeff Boyer  
Randy Breech  
Kirk Frazee  
Claudia Miller  
Marvin Ours (Zoom)  
Arthur Miller  
Dottie Chestnut

The commission received the minutes of October 17, 2022, and October 31, 2022, prior to this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to accept the October 17<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the October 31<sup>st</sup> minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He included in the Commission packets the final guidelines on the Appalachia grant awards. He is going to meetings as he can and will be attending a local meeting tomorrow with the Mayors Partnership group. The Mayors Partnership cannot be the lead for our application unless conveyed by the Village. He would like to the Commission's approval to prepare a letter to join the Mayors Partnership application. Mr. Brown made a motion for him to prepare a letter, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Within the Downtown Revitalization, there is also a historical portion, and he is trying to get everyone to the table this week from those groups.
- Commended the City workforce for working through the weekend including overnight on two major water line breaks. One leak was on upper Second Avenue and the other on Third Avenue and Spruce Street.
- There have been personnel changes at the Maintenance Garage with the retirement of Mr. Ralph Taylor and the resignation of Mr. Dave Walters. Modifications have been made appointing Mr. Adam Denney as the Water/Sewer Crew Leader, Dave Bush as the Streets/Parks Crew Leader, Mr. John Westfall as Public Works, and Mr. Joe "Skeeter" Woodall as the Maintenance Garage Superintendent. We have promoted from within and anticipate one more outside hire. There will be one more position to fill that we will look at filling in the spring. He recognized both Mr. Westfall and Mr. Woodall and his entire crew who worked the weekend to resolve/repair water mains.
- Ms. Clonch included the health insurance renewal in the packets and the City Solicitor will give his disclaimer.



- Had a phone conference with ODOT to review their plans for paving State Route 7. They anticipate starting at the end of May with completion by the end of June of all ADA requirements and paving. The City does not have to pay for the ADA updates but there have been new requirements put into effect since the route was last paved. It will impact the traffic downtown but they will have plenty of signage and they plan to work at night. There will be a new crosswalk added across Sycamore and First Avenue with additional crosswalk identifiers and signs for safety enhancement.
- Will be attending a Mayors Partnership meeting on Thursday and has an Appalachia grant meeting at 2:30 tomorrow.
- Had a follow-up meeting with Trebel Energy. They anticipate making a recommendation soon for a gas aggregation contract as prices are dropping.
- The Downtown Revitalization Program now known as Gallipolis Community Foundation is requesting the City to apply for an ODNR Land and Conservation grant to locate a splash pad at the City Pool. They want to apply for a \$50,000 T Mobile Community grant and are committing to a \$25,000 donation. The ODNR grant would be a match if awarded for \$75,000, for a total of \$150,000. The City will not have a match, only in-kind services. He will get clarification from ODNR on the fund obligation and will have a resolution prepared for the next meeting.
- Ms. Whitney Vilfer and Mr. Ben Mohebi with IT have been exploring software programs for our cemeteries. This would include a company to come in and review our books, maps, and deeds and create a program that would make it easy to locate sold lots, empty lots, and all documented burials. The software setup would be around \$15,000 with a \$3,500 annual maintenance fee. The setup can be funded partially through our VESI funds (\$9,700) with the remainder from ARP funds.

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

- \$4,631.86 from AEP for street lights. Inv: 9/29/22. PO: 10/5/22
- \$4,000.00 from Magic in the Sky for Gallipolis in Lights. Inv: 10/24/22. PO: 10/25/22.

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

Ms. Clonch presented the October 2022 financial statement for approval. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the October financial statement, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor noted there are two ordinances on the agenda tonight regarding insurance. The City Manager has been open that he has not been involved in the negotiations for insurance with Saunders Insurance Agency. She did notice in the ordinances that it states the City Manager is authorized to negotiate, and that should be changed to say directed to enter into a contract.

Mr. Jenkins recognized a visitor that we had in the audience that is usually watching the meetings on zoom, Mr. Arthur Miller from Friday Harbor, Washington. Mr. Miller will be moving to the area in the next few months.

Mr. Gallagher mentioned that he paid for two new magnetic car signs to be made for when the City Commissioners ride in the parades. The old ones were deteriorating and he asked to be reimbursed by the City for the expense of \$65.00.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Resolution No. R2022-17 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. Jenkins made a motion to adopt this resolution on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to adopt the resolution on the second reading, all votes were yes.



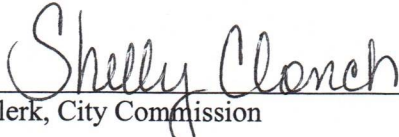
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2022-39 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH CANADAY CARE LLC FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR CITY OF GALLIPOLIS EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Mr. Saunders stated again that he is in no way affiliated with the ownership of Canaday Care which happens to be his sister. 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. O2022-40 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL, AND DRUG INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Ms. Noe recommended amending the language in the ordinance to remove that the City Manager may negotiate since he has not been involved in the negotiation process, and should read he be directed to enter into a contract. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to amend the ordinance, all votes were yes. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the amended ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to place the amended ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-41 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Ms. Noe again recommended amending the language in the ordinance to remove that the City Manager may negotiate since he has not been involved in the negotiation process, and should read he be directed to enter into a contract. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to amend the ordinance, all votes were yes. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the amended ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to place the amended ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2022-42 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2022-05, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2022-20, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2022-30, SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to place this ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Ms. Clonch said this ordinance was added to the meeting tonight after speaking with Ms. Shari Rocchi of Gallipolis in Lights. They are in need of an additional \$30,000 to cover their expenses for the remainder of the year. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the 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