

November 21, 2022

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, November 21, 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 a moment of silence in honor of former City Manager Mr. E. V. Clarke who passed away today.

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
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News (Zoom)
Jeff Boyer Claudia Miller Dottie Chestnut
Ronnie Lynch Marvin Ours (Zoom)

The commission received the minutes of November 7, 2022, prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the November 7th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- He is continuing to make effort on the Appalachia Community Grant technical assistance phase. They are encouraging multiple applications. He previously received authorization to submit a letter to apply with Mayors Partnership and there is another group we can apply with from the City of Zanesville "Tourism Gateway to Appalachia". They are looking at the wineries and also have an interest in Downtown Revitalization. Mr. Fulks made a motion authorizing Mr. Saunders to submit a letter requesting to be included in their application, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- Attended a meeting last Thursday with SOPEC who is our electric aggregate. They are submitting to the state to become a gas aggregator. We may look into their gas aggregation, but he has to check with Trebel Energy whom we entered into a contract to be our broker. He will keep the commission posted.
- At the last meeting, he mentioned the DRP approaching the City about applying for a grant through ODNR for a splash pad at the pool. He is suggesting we delay this to see if the funds for a match would be approved from a T-Mobile grant the DRP will apply for.
- He asked for a consensus to move forward with legislation for a contract for cemetery software after reviewing the "Lazarus" demo. This would get the cemetery history plotted, identify lots, and get all of our old records together instead of being scattered at different locations. The commission agreed that this would be money well spent. Mr. Jenkins suggested that we review how our lots are sold being that a majority of individuals are having cremation burials.
- The Maintenance Garage is in need of a plow and salt spreader that is on the appropriations ordinance tonight. We also budgeted for a ¾ ton truck and found one to purchase out of state but we ended up finding a 1 ton cheaper to purchase locally.

- Gallipolis In Lights will hold their lighting of the park on Wednesday at 7 pm with it being their 10th anniversary. He appreciates the City crews for the extra work on getting the downtown ready. Dr. Thomas asked about traffic congestion during the GIL event and the Police Chief said there is not much you can do but let it flow.

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

- \$3,121.14 from Gallia County Engineer for Pipe. Inv: 10/6/22. PO: 11/1/22
- \$4,961.07 from Ohio Valley Bank for Parking Lot Bond. Inv: 10/14/22. PO: 11/1/22.
- \$14,561.39 from Ohio Valley Bank for Street Improvement Bond. Inv: 10/14/22. PO: 11/1/22.
- \$19,407.79 from Ohio Valley Bank for Fire Equipment Bond. Inv: 10/14/22. PO: 11/1/22.
- \$28,133.46 from Rumpke for October Refuse Pickup. Inv: 10/18/22. PO: 11/1/22.

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

Mr. Fulks reiterated honoring Mr. E. V. Clarke who was a super guy and a top-notch City Manager. He also mentioned that Gallipolis in Lights has made the town look great and appreciated their hard work and long hours put in.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second 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. 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. O2022-41 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 adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. 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. O2022-42 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.** Mr. Fulks made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Ms. Clonch stated there are amendments to this ordinance since the first reading. She sent a memo and spreadsheet to the commission describing and highlighting the changes. The ODNR grant has been extended until June 30, 2023, and is being taken out of the appropriations, including the advances between the general fund and grant lines, for a deduction of -\$223,887.40. Also, Municipal Court needed an additional \$5,000 in their hospitalization, and M & R Streets needed \$12,150 for the purchase of a plow and salt spreader. Mr. Fulks made a motion to amend the ordinance as stated, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to amend the ordinance, all votes were yes. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Fulks. 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. O2022-43 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O2022-06, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. O2022-29, AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, second by Mr. Jenkins. Ms. Clonch informed the commission this was reducing the advances for the ODNR grant to \$0.00. 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