

February 20, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in special session on Monday, February 20, 2023, 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.

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

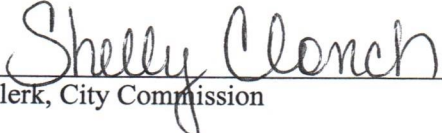
Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager  
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor  
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News  
Jeff Boyer                      Ronnie Lynch  
Marvin Ours (zoom)      Whitney Vilfer (zoom)

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. R2023-01 entitled **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRYNN SAUNDERS NOE AS THE CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 20 AND 21 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** The City Manager recommended that the rules are suspended and this resolution be passed on the first reading. Mr. Fulks made a motion that the rules are suspended and the resolution be passed on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution of the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission as an emergency Ordinance No. O2023-07 entitled **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER NO. 921.05, WATER RATES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS OHIO.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Saunders if this was raising the rates of water and sewer which Mr. Saunders replied that it is only water rates. Mr. Gallagher also stated that at previous budget meetings, he said that the only way he would agree to the increase was if the public was notified beforehand. Ms. Clonch said that she spoke with the Utility Office Supervisor to confirm that a message can be put on the February billing notifying customers. Also, Mr. Vaughn with River Cities News stated he ran an article from the previous commission meeting addressing the water increase. Mr. Saunders said that we need this passed as an emergency for upcoming water infrastructure funding that would offer principal forgiveness and low-interest rates. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, all votes were yes.

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

  
Clerk, City Commission

  
President, City Commission