

March 7, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 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.

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

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor
Jeff Boyer Ronnie Lynch Joy Elliott
Keith Elliott Greg Hall Bradley Kennedy
Marvin Ours (zoom) Bill Jenkins (zoom)

The commission received the minutes of February 20, 2023, and February 21, 2023, prior to this meeting. Dr. Thomas made a motion to accept the February 20th minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes. Dr. Thomas made a motion to accept the February 21st minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Sent out an update in the commission packets on our application for water line replacement. It has been submitted to the EPA by Mr. Kurtis Strickland with the assistance of Kevin Wood of IBI and department supervisors. We submitted a large application with seven miles of line replacement totaling approximately 8 million dollars. We hope if awarded to be eligible for principal forgiveness.
- Expressed condolences to Burgess and Niple on the passing of Mr. Craig Richards. Mr. Saunders represented the City while attending his visitation services and expressed what a pleasure Mr. Richards was to work with.
- The vacancy at the Wastewater Plant has been filled. We have received a resignation from Seann Roberts at the Water Plant and we will be posting that position. Brent McCreedy will cover the plant for Jim Johnson during his medical time off.
- Followed up with the Gallia Metropolitan Housing Authority board on the requested appointment of James Orme. The vacancy on the board does have to be filled by a resident of the housing authority. Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Mr. Orme to the vacant position on the board, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.
- He and Ms. Noe have a conference call scheduled tomorrow with Joe of ABM.
- All of our testing of water wells has continued to test negative after the Ohio River spill.
- GIS mapping has been completed out SR 160 and they will return in a couple of weeks to finish any areas missed including part of SR 7 they were unable to do. They will then set a date to return to go over the completed mapping project. The project also allows for documentation of water line replacement, leak repairs, and hydrant maintenance.
- The Lazarus Company will be here in the next couple of weeks to begin the cemetery mapping project.

- We previously applied for funding for a fire truck through congressional discretionary spending but did not get awarded. The funding is coming up again and Senator Brown's office has recommended that we re-apply.
- Mr. Bill Mangus with the Veterans association stopped by to request to have a parade for Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th at 11:30 a.m. The streets will not have to be closed as they will only use one lane. They will have a police cruiser to lead the parade.
- The compensation ordinance on the agenda tonight has no salary changes but is adding language for positions that were deleted and created last year.
- He has been working with SOPEC, whom we have had for residential and commercial electric aggregation, on having the opportunity to contract our rate. He passed out a flyer that shared the current public pricing program and will meet with the City Solicitor to discuss possible legislation to present.

Mr. Bradley Kennedy, the Southeastern Ohio District Representative with Senator JD Vance's office introduced himself. It is his job to be the eyes and ears for the Senator in Southeast Ohio. He is visiting with elected officials and constituents to gather as much information as possible so Senator Vance knows their concerns and what is happening in the Southeast. Dr. Thomas requested him to tell the Senator that people in the 22 counties in Southeast Ohio are a lot like those in Eastern Kentucky being that good jobs are in short supply.

Ms. Clonch informed Mr. Kennedy that we have a resolution on the agenda tonight in support of restoring the local government funding back to pre-recession levels. It was recommended by Ohio Municipal League to get this passed and forward to our state legislators. He requested that she send him a copy after the resolution is passed.

The City Auditor presented one invoice over \$3,000 for approval of payment:

- \$3,910.06 from Allcom for court laptops. Inv: 2/9/22. PO: 2/13/23.

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

The February 2023 financial statement was presented for approval. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the February 2023 financial statement, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

The City Solicitor stated that the resolution on the agenda tonight for the One Ohio Opioid settlement is a similar agreement that we did prior in order to receive funds. This agreement is for another settlement with different companies.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. O2023-02 entitled **A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. O2023-03 entitled **A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Resolution No. O2023-04 entitled **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF A LANDSLIDE REPAIR**. Mr. Brown made a motion to place the resolution on the first reading, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon voice vote to place the resolution on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-08 entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-09 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE FUNDS**. Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt this ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2023-10 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O2022-24, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES SETTING SAID COMPENSATION**. Mr. Brown made a motion to place the 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 being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission