

April 4, 2023

The Gallipolis City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 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
R. William "Bill" Jenkins, Member
(Michael W. Brown, Member, arrived at 5:21 during privilege of floor)

Others attending were:

Dow W Saunders, City Manager
Shelly L. Clonch, City Auditor
Brynn S. Noe, City Solicitor
Chad Vaughn, River Cities News
Jeff Boyer Ronnie Lynch Lester Plymale
Gene Greene Marvin Ours Erin Stevens
Randy Breech Arthur (zoom) Whitney Vilfer (zoom)

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

The privilege of floor was granted to Ms. Erin Stevens of SOPEC who is currently our electric aggregator for City residents. She wanted to share information on the public pricing program for municipal accounts. On this program, the City can get much better rates that are 10-15% below the aggregation rate. Ms. Stevens is actively watching the market on the City's behalf. Our current aggregation rate is at 5.64 cents/kwh and is locked in until June. She passed out a public pricing list with a one-, two-, and three-year contract rate for 41 City accounts. The wastewater plant would be excluded due to its kilowatt-hour usage. The AEP standard service offer is currently 10.27 cents/kwh so the City is saving money being enrolled in the aggregation program and will continue to save money. She stated that most municipal accounts are doing the two-year option on the public pricing program. The rates that are set currently and for the rest of the week are most likely the lowest they will be before they start to climb. When the Commission votes on what option they choose to go with, AEP Energy would pull current prices and the City would need to respond within 24 hours with a signed contract that includes terms and conditions. The commission decided to meet one day next week to pass an ordinance as an emergency to lock in the lowest price. Mr. Saunders expressed his appreciation to Ms. Stevens for all that she does on the City's behalf.

Mr. Randy Breech informed the Commission that the County voted to change over their building department to Southeast Ohio Building Department last week and will be signing the contract on Thursday. He stated that Jackson County will follow shortly with the same process and wanted to recommend that the City join in also.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- We were fortunate with the weather this past weekend. The weekend prior, we lost a few trees including one at Pine Street Cemetery, Haskins Park, City Park, and one near the spring at Mound Hill.
- He included in the Commissioner's packets information on AEP's pricing rates with no aggregation program.
- There is a public hearing this evening at the Courthouse on CDBG funding.
- Thanked Ms. Erin Stevens for coming and said that overall, this has been a good saving for the City accounts.
- We will be signing the Oakwood Drive award on May 4th with construction beginning at the end of June and completed by the end of September.
- ODOT is scheduled to begin curb work and their paving project on April 10th and actually starting some cutting today. City crews have been working with them and sharing our streetscape maps.
- GIS mapping has been here for the last two weeks and they are almost complete. They will return to provide training on the program.
- Mr. Cole Massie sent information that he passed out to the Commission. The CIC is working on a grant to expand the sewer line in the industrial park. This is no cost to the City.

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

- \$34,781.97 from Ratliff Pool Center for a pool filtration system. Inv: 3/19/23. PO: 3/23/23.
- \$8,895.00 from Ratliff Pool Center for a pool pump. Inv: 3/19/23. PO: 3/28/23.

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

The City Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss imminent legal action and personnel.

Dr. Thomas made a motion to accept the resignation of the City Solicitor, Ms. Brynn Noe, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote on the motion, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-11 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SIGNAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

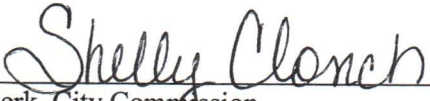
There was presented and read to the Commission for a second reading Ordinance No. O2023-12 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR OAKWOOD DRIVE LANDSLIDE REPAIR.** Dr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon roll call to adopt the ordinance on the second reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2023-13 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON AERIAL SURVEYS FOR DIGITAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY/LIDAR, IMAGE PROCESSING, ANALYTIC AERO TRIANGULATION AND OPTIONAL DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOS FOR THE WSRLA APPLICATION.** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

There was presented and read to the Commission for a first reading Ordinance No. O2023-14 entitled **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REJECTING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AND QUICKLIME.** Mr. Brown made a motion to place the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Upon voice vote to place the ordinance on the first reading, all votes were yes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to enter executive session for imminent legal action and personnel, seconded by Dr. Thomas. Upon roll call to enter executive session, all votes were yes.

Upon completion of the executive session, Commission returned to the regular session. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk, City Commission



President, City Commission